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2013-2014

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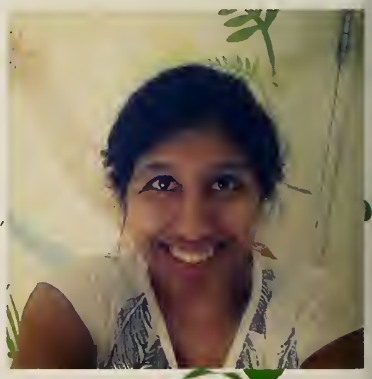
Editor's Note

Wow! We can't believe a whole year has passed. It truly has been a crazy year. Running around badgering teachers, coaches and students for pictures, stalking students' Facebook pages for photos and countless hours spent templating, editing and arguing about the smallest things. Throughout the year the Samara team has been lurking around Elmwood grounds, capturing the everyday and extraordinary moments that make a year at Elmwood School so special. Yearbooks are a way to remember all we have accomplished this year, as well as the people with whom we have shared these experiences. After all, memories are made to be cherished and remembered. It goes without saying that we have had a lot of support throughout the creative process. From our constant arguments, that somehow did not manage to make Mrs. Bartlett crazy, to the 101 questions we threw at our yearbook rep Eric (THANKS!), to the numerous times Valerie forgot to check if she had a memory card in the camera (for heaven's sake gurl!) it has really been an amazing experience. As editors, we have the chance to witness all the crazy moments this year and capture them with our words and cameras. From head girl Aashna's insane faces and puns, to triumphs on the rugby pitch, this book will forever keep 2013-2014 alive in our memories. It may be a complicated order, but as you flip through the pages we have curated, we ask that you take a moment to laugh, smile, and remember. From a long and snowy winter to a crisis in Ukraine to the birth of Mr. Small's son Henry, so much has happened. William Gibson once said "Time moves in one direction, memory in another". As time passes, here you will find the memories and laughter long forgotten.

Oh, Zakiya doesn't understand...
Valerie Likes Turtles.

-Zakiya A & Valerie M.

Cover/page art done by Ras-Jeevan Obhi



Hello! My name is Ras-Jeevan Obhi, and I designed the yearbook cover this year. I have been at Elmwood since Grade 2, and have grown to have a great love for the arts. The design this year incorporates elements of nature, and in particular, birds, in order to symbolize freedom. At Elmwood School, we have the ability to participate in a multitude of different activities, clubs, councils and more. We express ourselves, were independent and we are so lucky to be given many once-in-a-lifetime memories and experiences. Through this yearbook design, I hope to communicate the freedom that Elmwood promotes now, and in future years.

The Samara Team:

Fumi Shibutani [2014-2015 editor]

Callly McConnell

Kira Cheer

Keiran McClelland

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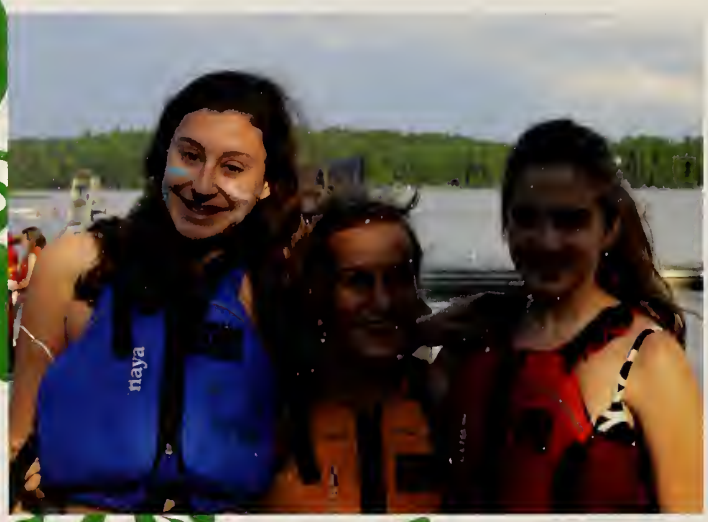
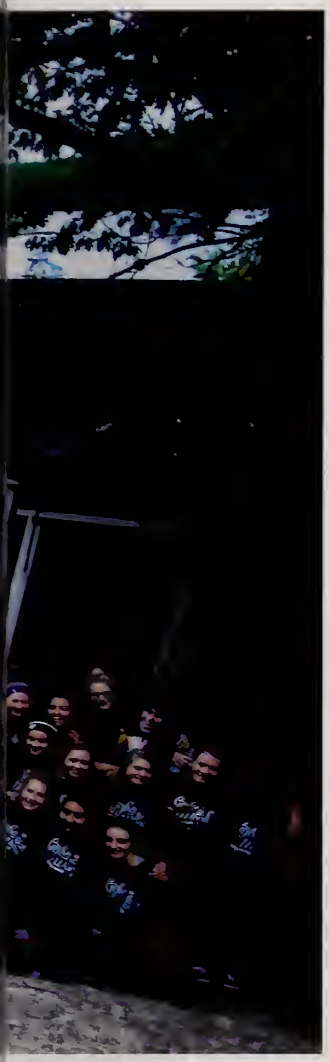
Camp Elmwood

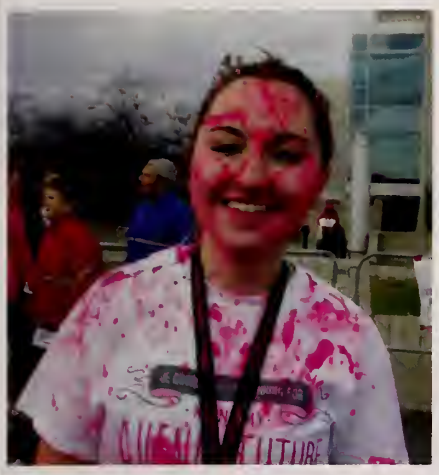




Keller

Girls in the Woods

Run for the Cure



CBC Run for the Cure

WALK
WITH THE
ELMWOOD
EAGLES
We're working to create
a future without breast cancer
RUN
WITH THE
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We're working to create
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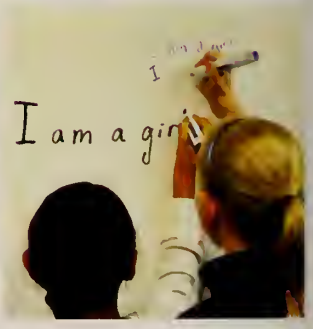
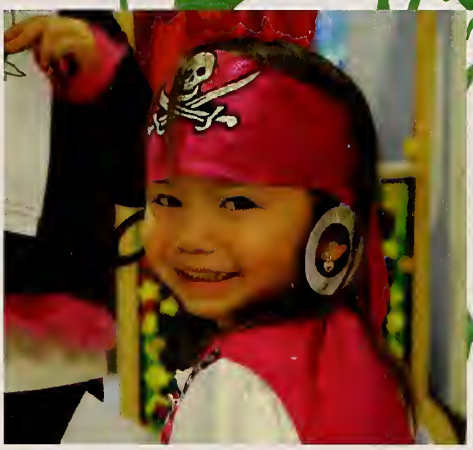
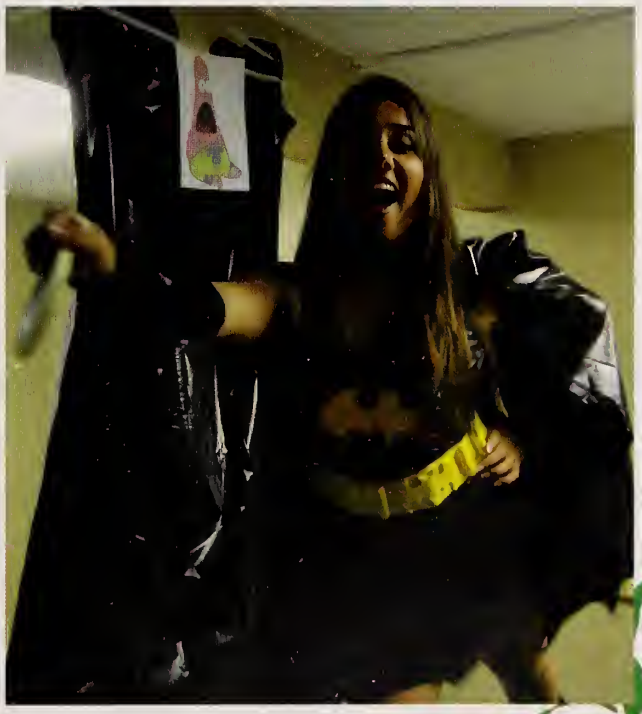
Grandparent's Day

Day of the Girl

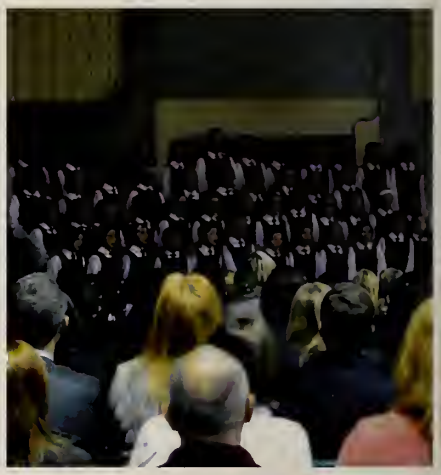


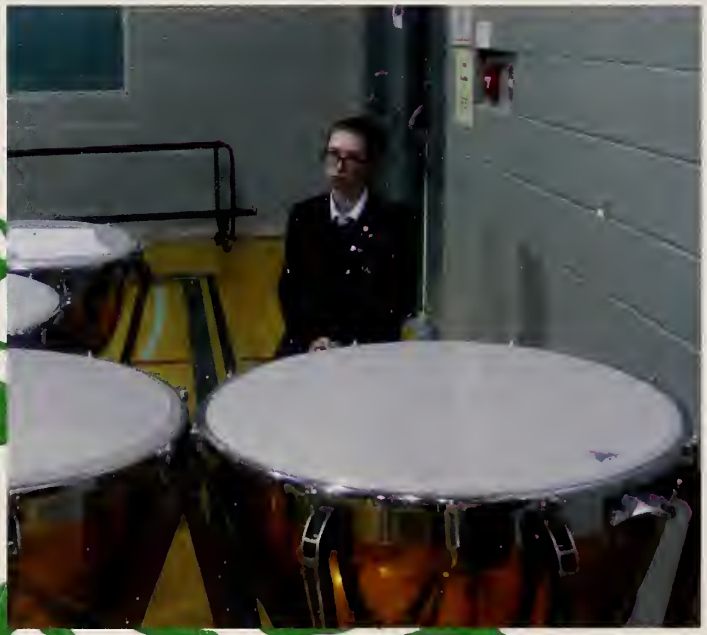
Halloween



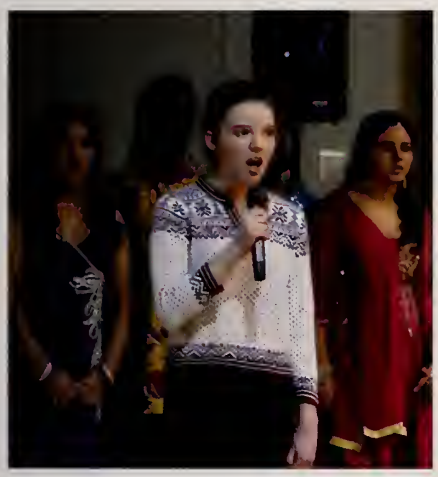


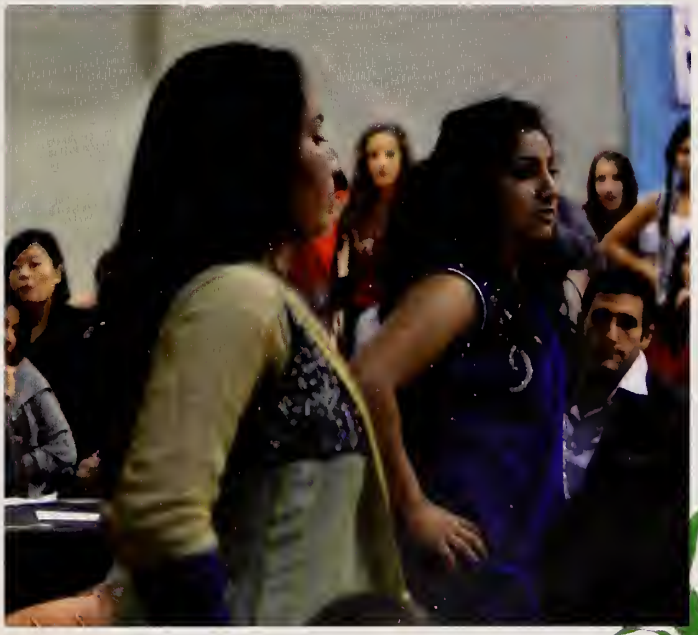
Remembrance Day



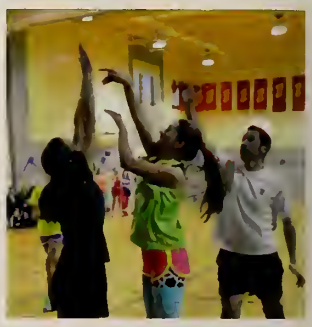


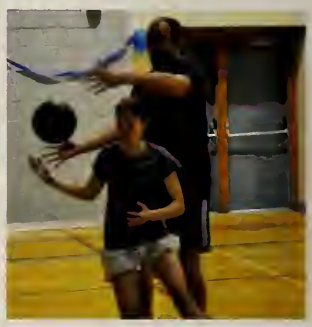
International Night



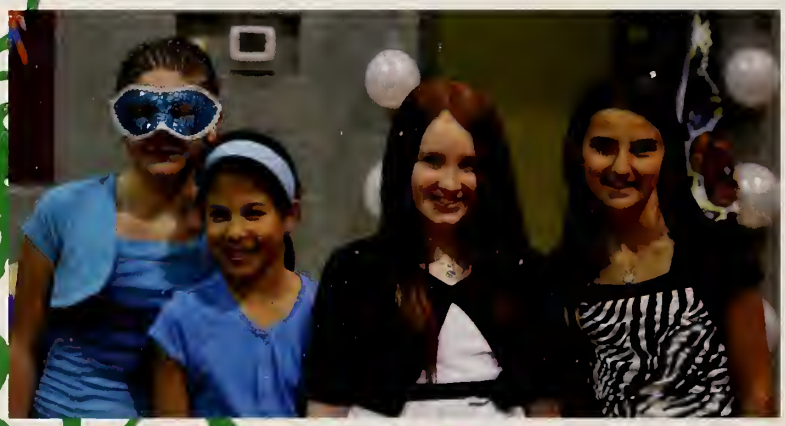


Staff vs Student Games

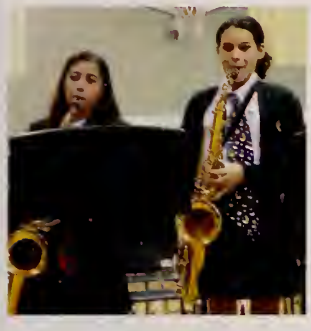




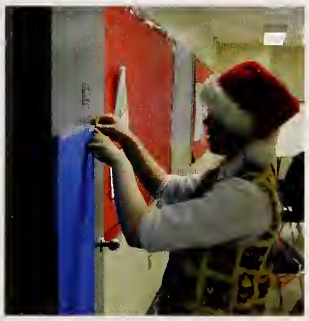
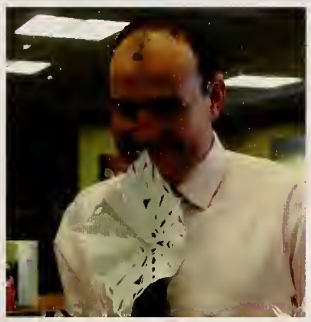
Soirée de la francophonie



Holiday Concert

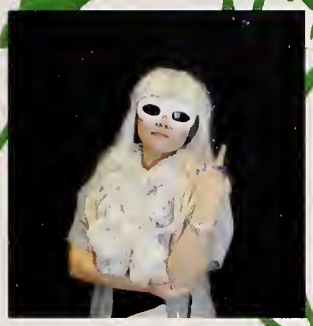


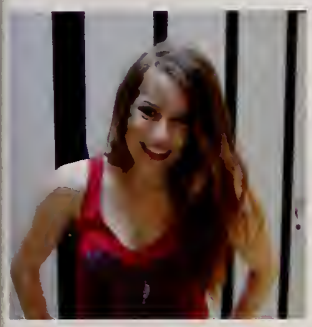
Holiday Madness

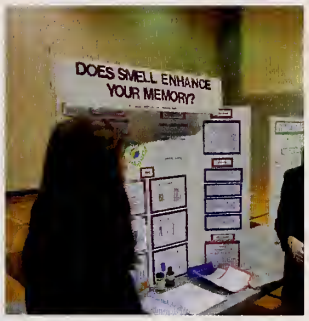
Chinese New Year

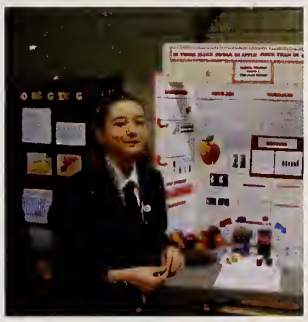
Spirit Week



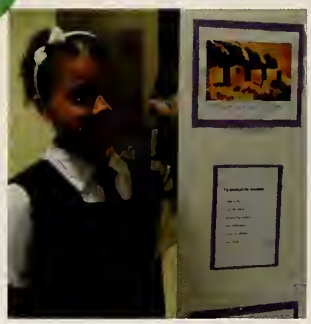


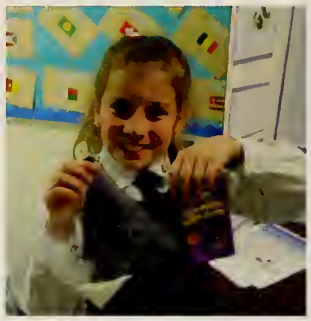
MS Science Fair

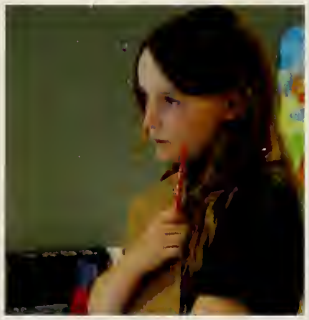


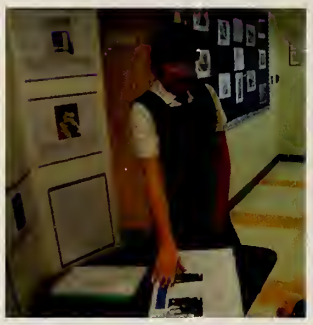


Grade 5 PYP

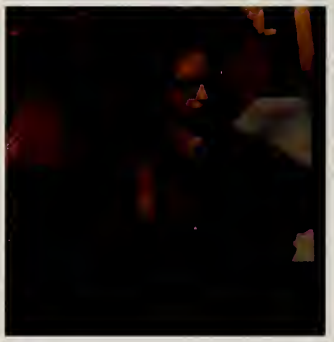








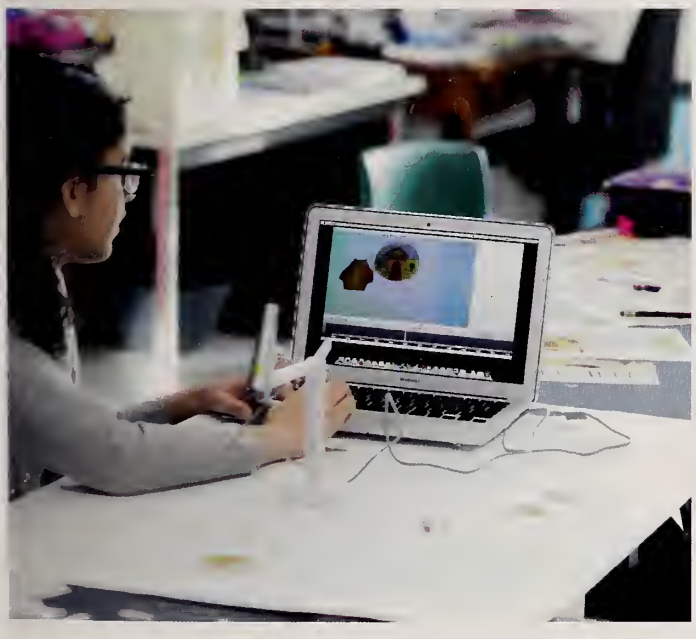
Arts Night

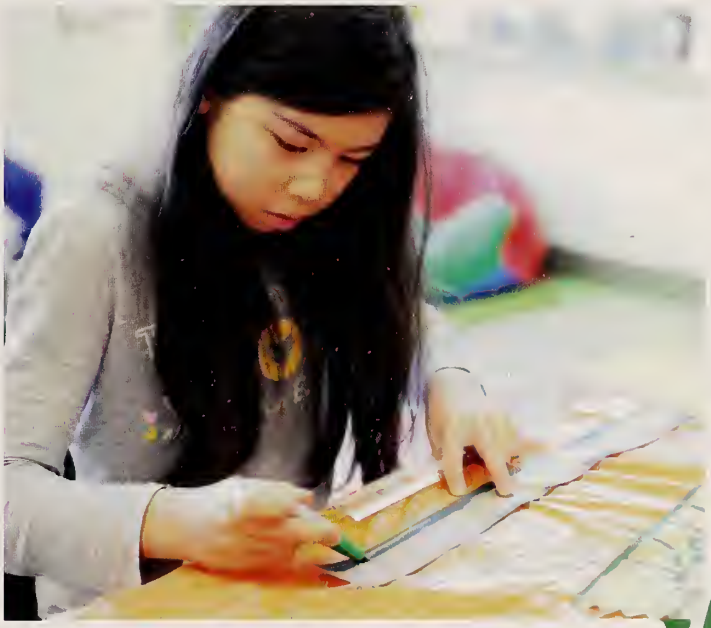


Grade 8 Musical

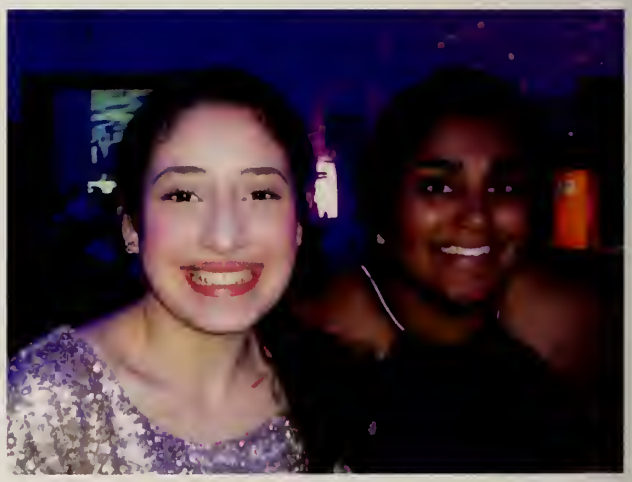
Grade 10 Personal Project

Winterim



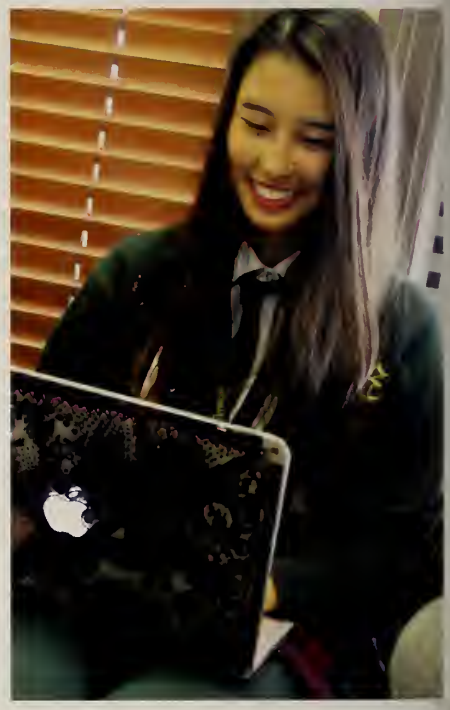


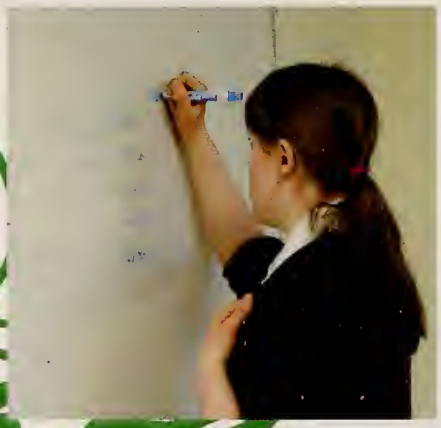
Father Daughter Dance



Elmwood Grade 10 student Hannah Dolhai climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in support of SOS Children's Village. She was even featured on the CTV morning show to share her experience.

Staff and students came together to cheer Canada's hockey teams to gold during the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics.





Flexible Classrooms were introduced this year in order to provide a more interactive learning environment. Everyone appreciated the Idea Paint walls.

This year marked the introduction of the iPad program in the Middle School. Middle School students had a creative year using this tool.

Undergraduates

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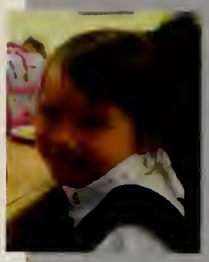
Student's Say!

Favourite animal?



"Dolphins"
-McKennacWu

"Cats"
-Daniella Lloreda

Mira Acharya
Maryam Al Shehhi
Elizabeth Andersen
Olympia Betts
Yasmin Dhanani
Olwen Enticknap-Smith

Daniella Lloreda
Isabel Morgan
McKenna Wu
Lingling Zhu

SK

Student's Say!

Favourite book?

"Rapunzel"
-Avery Aken

"Cinderella"
-Amelia Frauley

Avery Aken
Alyazia Al Shehhi
Mia Bettolli-Remonda
Ryley Brambell
Kassie Domonkos Johnson
Amelia Frauley

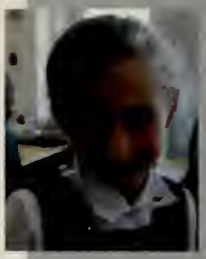
Brooke Gillin
Michaela Heim
Clarissa Lauzon
Sarah Legault
Hera Lu-Yang
Ayuka Montaldo

Rowyn Pratte
Mila Saltel
Raluca Voina

Grade 1

Student's Say!

Favourite website?



"Amazingworld.com"
-Jenna Hathaway

"I like playing games on Nickelodeon"
-Diya Bhan

Sara Acharya
Emma Beaudoin
Penelope Beever
Alys-Mia Benloulou
Diya Bhan
Imara Bhulji

Avery Brambell
Elizabeth Chen-Baker
Isobel Frauley
Jenna Hathaway
Reese Hathaway
Annabel Hay

Norah Heim
Marta Morgan
Rowan Parkinson
Lucy Reilly-King
Katerina Simantirakis
Khaliya Thawer

Violet Tucker
Hannah Vermeil
Ellen Waddington
Claire Zote

Grade 2

Student's Say!

Favourite song of the year?

"Anything by One Direction and Love Me Again by John Newman"
-Ceili Halloran

"Let It Go- Idina Menzel"
-Alexus Oakes

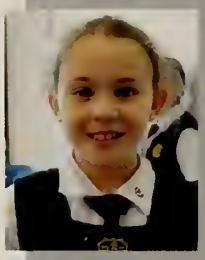
Jayne Acharya
Avery Conrad
Ceili Halloran
Francesca James-Brennan
Naila Moloo
Eleonora Nadon

Alexus Oakes
Elsa Saltel
Zara Tucker
Saisha Vaidya
Clara White

Grade 3

Student's Say!

Favourite app?



"Minecraft"
-Hailey Kai

"Nick's Quest"
-Bianca Sugunasiri

Zafreen Abdullah
Maya Allen
Emma Farquhar
Alicia Gombos
Olivia Howe
Mikayla Johnson

Hailey Kay
Cissy Kuang
Geneviève Laplante
Gianna Lombardi
Shelby McMahon
Christina Nightingale

Jacqueline Reilly-King
Miriam Rida
Samantha Rossi
Dahlia Rostom
Igone Schotman
Katja Simic-Lawson

Katherine Souaid
Bianca Sugunasiri
Sonia Swettenham

Grade 4

Student's Say!

Favourite schoolyard game?

"Soccer"
-Angelika Boehm

"Tennis"
-Victoria Werdnik

Celia Batchelor
Angelika Boehm
Alexandra Boushey
Kaylah Carruthers
Ryleigh Case
Sophie Defelice

Miwa Hayashi
Lauren Jane Hudson
Lydia James-Brennan
Alexa Karpfinger
Grace Kremmel
Zoe Lang

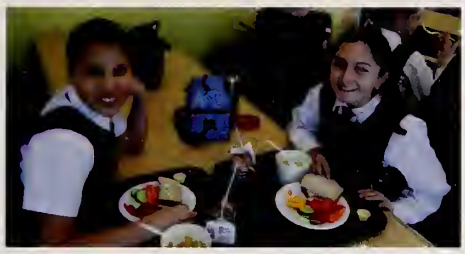
Charlotte McLaughlin
Sophia Moloo
Avery Parkinson
Melody Reynolds
Zahra Robertson
Sophia Roth Jones

Madighan Ryan
Xela Smith
Lucy Tucker
Victoria Werdnik
Ally Wilson
Marissa Wu

Grade 5

Sarah Allam
Lilly Allen
Didi Bredberg
Grace Brunner
Grace Charness
Madison Chwast

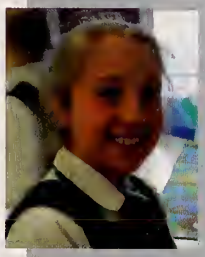
Victoria Devine-Ducharme
Sophie Glover
Claire Goldberg
Tara Hanson-Wright
Ainsley Hathaway
Lauren Ho



Student's Say!

Favourite tv show?

"I Didn't Do It"
-Caitlin Walsh



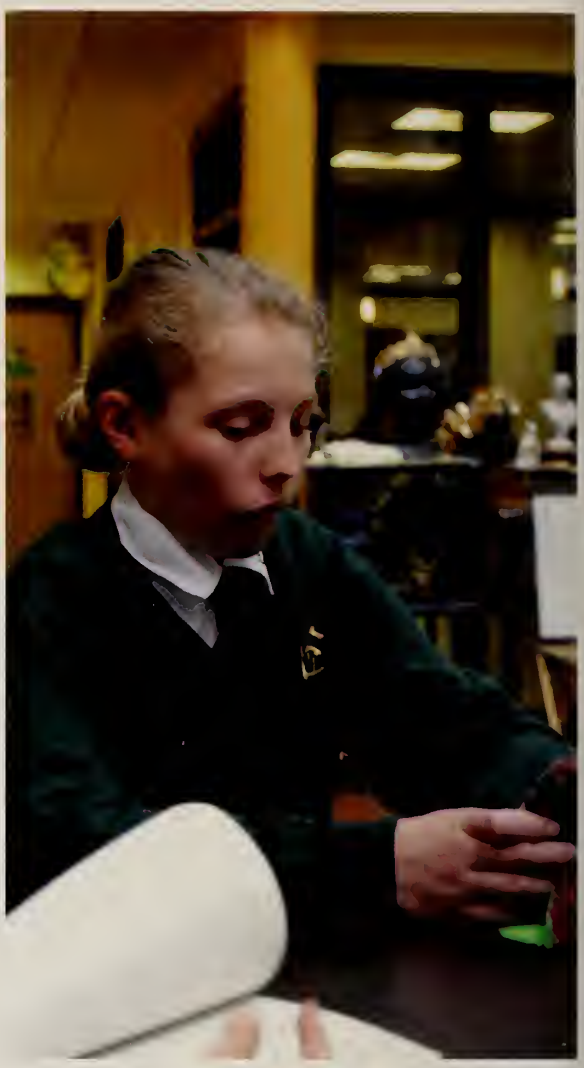
"Modern Family"
-Anisley Hathaway

Katherine Howarth
Fiona McCallum
Mila Mierins
Catherine Mitchell-Ross
Michika Montaldo
Claire Murray

Katy Norton
Lilli-Angélique Potter Dhieux
Lola Sembrat
Maizie Soloman
Natasha Souaid
Ava Todd

Kailey Walker
Caitlin Walsh
Sofia Zate

Grade 6



Alisha Abdul-Rahman
Isabelle Barker
Caitie Baxter
Isabella Bruinsma
Emmaleigh Case
Haleigh Case

Kira Cheer
Hayley Conrad
Leah Dickinson
Andrea Douglas
Rutaaba Fasih
Hannah Goldstein

Student's Say!

Song of the year?

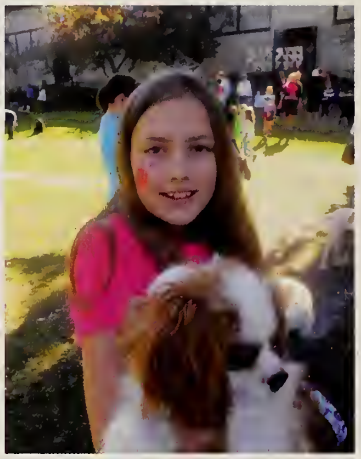
"Katy Perry
Darkhorse"
-Hanah Goldstein

Modern Family

Mackenzie Johnson
Maya Ladki
Olga Lietsala
Natalia Morris
Rika Ochiai
Charlotte Pryor Hofley

Mattea Roth Jones
Allison Sedlezky
Isabel Smith
Logan Vaughan
Kelly Wang
Patricia Werdnik

Grade 7



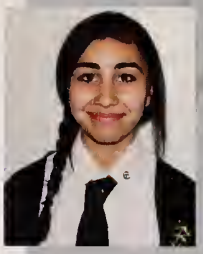
Charlotte Amannt
Ava Batchelor
Camille Beaulé
Emma Birchall
Emma Boushey
Anna DeFelice

Bethany Fitch
Grace Goldberg
Saskia Griffiths
Addison Hathaway
Karen Jarvlepp
Emily Keon

Zaina Khan
Alex King
Maya Kors
Jordyn Lalonde
Sophie Lamontagne-Rothwell
Veronika Lassl

Student's Say!

Favourite band?



Marianas Trench
-Tara Rida

Hedley
-Emma Boushey

Erica Leighton
Keiren McClelland
Evelyn Miller
Amanda Nightingale
Charlotte Noxon
Kennedy Reid

Tara Rida
Spruha Sanghavi
Ailish Saranchuk
Dalia Sawaya
Leah Smith
Isabella Thomas

Stephanie Townsend
Avery Want
Jaida Wilson
Lisa Xing
Ashton Yau

Grade 8

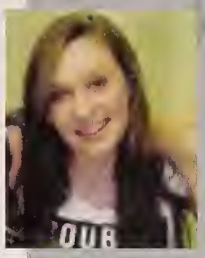
Lyanna Abdul-Rahman
Kristina Allatt
Ina Arora
Bronte Assadzadeh
Katharina Auster
Sophia Avisar

Charlotte Bascombe
Caroline Capehart
Hannah Charness
Elizabeth Coulter
Francisca Garcia
Regina Garcia

Leane Gaussargues
Jackie Goldstein
Molly Harmon
Shannon Howarth
Hannah Keough
Katherine Keough

Student's Say!

Favourite Break-out actor of the year?



"Tom Hanks
- Eva Sabine

"Jennifer Lure"
- Jackie Goldstein

Carine Ladki
Jacqueline Law
Hannah Libovicz-Kilgore
Kyra Ling-Jay
Brigitte McElligott
Ava Mierins

Sarah Murray
Hope Rikhtegar
Eva Sabine
Devon Sweeney
Ava Vandenbelt
Caelyn Want

Aya Yoshizawa
Emma Young
Leen Zaghloul

Grade 9

Vera Abd El Malek
Bakiza Al Khalili
Laura Alexander
Monica Alicea
Zoe Auclair
Emily Bangsboll

Kylie Brownlee
Sian Bryson
Julia Crystal
Hoda Darwish
Dora Deng
Dana El-Ramahi

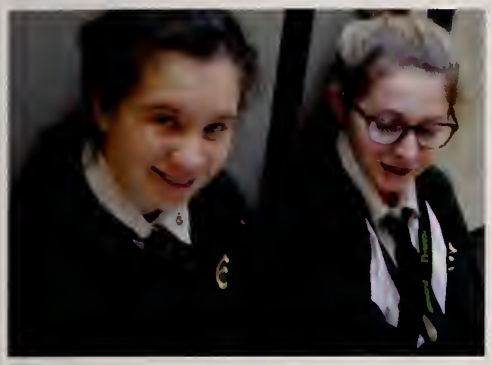
Sijyl Fasih
Claudia Finak-Fournier
Mia Fitzpatrick
Mallory Fung Kee Fung
Erica Giustiniani
Sydney Greenley

Ciara Halloran
Emily Hartvich
Heleh Hume
Emma Hunter
Sarah Jackson
Katya Jansen Poulin

Student's Say!

Favourite word of the year?

"Selfie"
-Elisabeth Maloney



"Motivation"
-Bakiza Al Khalili

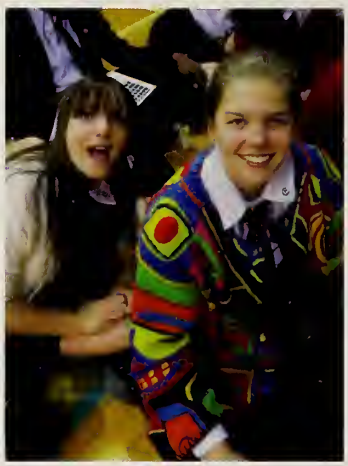
Madeline Klebanoff O'Brien
Heather Lounder
Eryn Lundrigan
Maya Mainland-Gratton
Sheetza McGarry
Elizabeth Moloney

Elizabeth Newberry
Yizhou Peng
Allegra Richter
Emma-Rose Robinson
Sarah Robinson
Myriam Rostom

Cynthia Sedlezky
Alexa Shabinsky
Britney Smith
Sophia Smith
Sophia Swettenham
Hannah Sykes

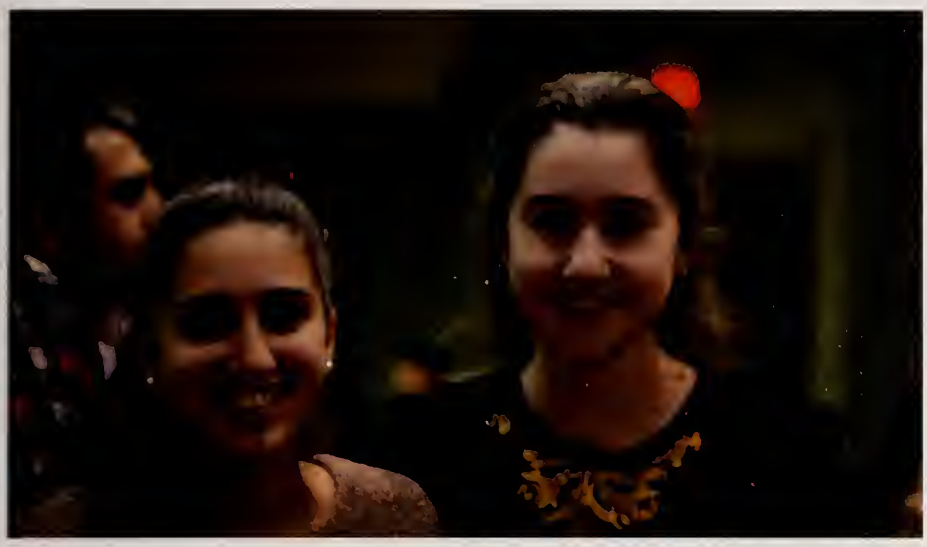
Brianna Toscano
Brianna Trudel
Emma Trudel
Paula Werdnik
Lucy Whichelo

Grade 10



Sophie Barnes
Vicky Bolitho
Hannah Dolhai
Quinn Fincham
Brianna Gonga-Cavé
Ava Hambleton

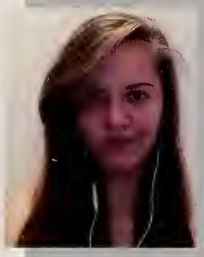
Koyuki Hayashi
Sreenija Koya
Genevieve Laberge
Avery Laurin
Chloe Lucas
Brooke Mierins



Student's Say!

Favourite book of the year?

"The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell
-Fumi Shibutani



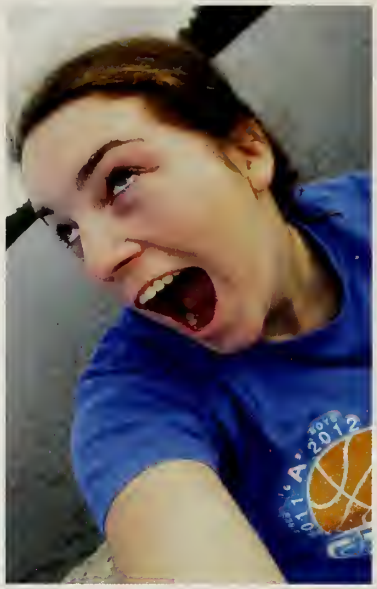
"Insignia" by S. J. Kincaid
-Ava Hambleton

Aiyanna Morris
Laura Morrison
Omosikemi Oni
Margaret Pateman
Jing Qiu
Dania Rida

Fumi Shibutani
Safa Siddiqui
Meera Singla
Megan Sweeney
Samantha Thompson-Spence
Zamzam Turki

Tessa Van Haastrecht
Yilin Wang
Cecille Wu

Grade 11



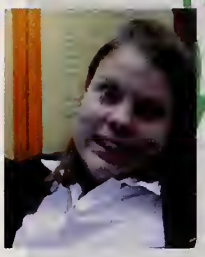
Zakiya Abdullah
Sophie Ackert
Maria Aho-Merlo
Claire Avisar
Justine Beaulé
Katya Brooks

Sophia Caragianis
Mariam Dakdouki
Christine Ding
Erin Dzioba
Audrey Giroux
Danielle Humilde

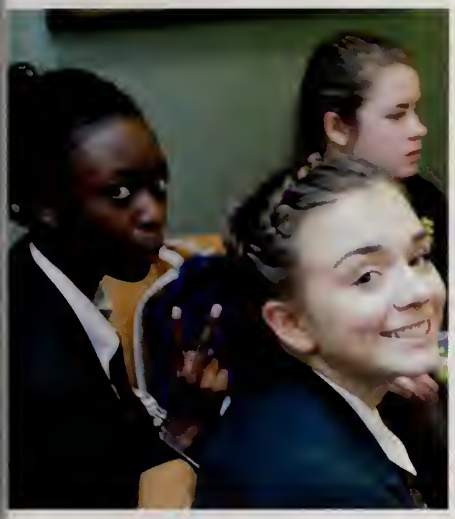
Louisa James-Beswick
Michaela Kainz-Potter
Lauren Lambert

Student's Say!

What is your favourite movie of the year?



"The Hunger Games Catching Fire!"
-Mario Aho

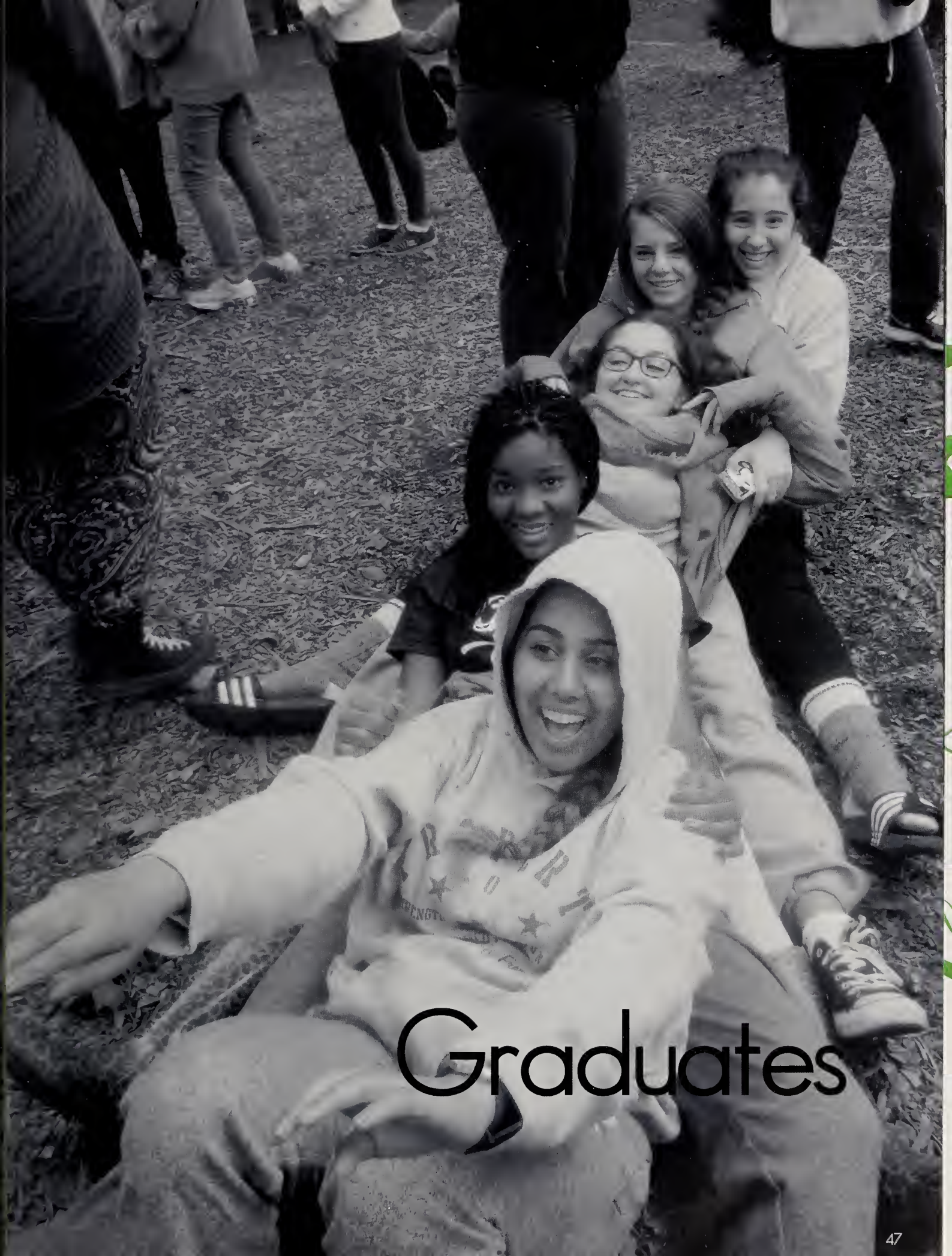


"Dallas Buyers Club"
-Justine Beaule

Erin Lounder
Cally McConnell
Rachel McGinn
Sarah Miller
Jenna Moledina
Valerie Molnar

Mutinta Namuyemba
Ras-Jeevan Obhi
Megan Russell
Upkeerut Saran
Maitland Shaheen
Emily Stephens

Sasha Thomas
Paige Tremblay
Gabriella Yankowich
Zein Zaghloul



Graduates

Katherine Alvarenga

There are so many memories from the past years. My favourite memories have to be the moments we spent together as a grade, whether we were talking, traveling or hanging out together - those will be the moments I will cherish the most. What I loved about our grade was that no matter what happened, we always got along really well with each other. Grads 2014, remember forever that we are M-Jays till the end!

Melani Anantharajamuthaly

These four years at Elmwood have been unforgettable! Thanks to those who have been there for me, and good luck to everyone!

Eleanor Berks

Beginnings are scary; endings are usually sad. It's what you do in between that counts the most." - Sandra Bullock

I can't believe that after eight years of seeing the graduates of Elmwood leave, it's finally my turn. To our grade: I will miss seeing you all every day but I'm thankful to be leaving with so many amazing memories. I will never forget the friendships I made over the years, and the support we had for each other - it's something that I will truly miss.

Moving on is simple. It's what we leave behind that's hard." - Unknown

Olivia Casarramona

We know what we are, but not what we may be."

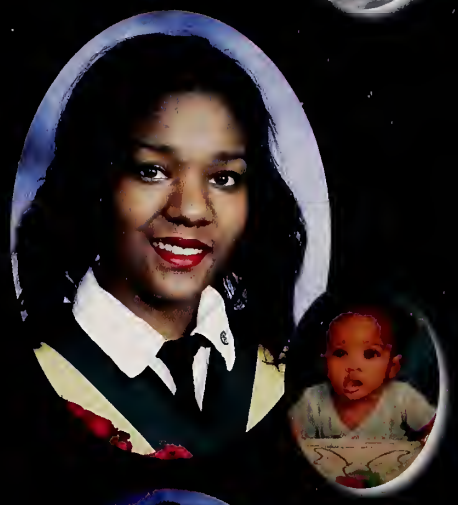
I have attended Elmwood for six years, and it seems that the years have flown by. I cannot believe that I am graduating! I have to thank my parents and Avia for their love and support. As I head out into the world, I will cherish the memories that I have made while being a part of the Elmwood community. I am going to miss the friends and teachers that I have gotten close to, but I cannot wait for the future and what is to come. Congrats Class of 2014 - we did it!

Erica Coady

If life is a book then university will be a new blank chapter and Elmwood will be the prequel, so here's to the time spent filling those pages. To my parents: sorry for all of the mileage on the car, early mornings and late nights. To the rugby team: mud baths, cold showers, crazy planes/bus rides, epic plays, OFSAA and the always amazing and memorable CAIS. I could dedicate a book to you. I love you all. To the field hockey team: crazy yelling, wet turf and pre-game speeches. To Duke of Ed: getting soaked/cold to the bone on numerous occasions, and laughing till we cried. It was always a blast. To my teachers: for last-minute questions before tests, and everything else that makes you the best, thank you all so much. To my friends: there are no words; its a lexical gap.

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all." Oscar Wilde

Alexa Colbert



I have to say that I am very sad to leave Elmwood, because I am not only graduating but also leaving some great people behind. I'm going to miss all of the great friends I've made, as well as all of the amazing and incredibly patient teachers who never gave up on me.
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss

Justine Frame

Wow, twelve years, six schools and it's over! Thank you to all the Grade 12s - from revolutions to graduation, we did it! Thank you to my parents for your support and understanding through the "moody" years, and thank you to all the people that made the classes fun and the homework doable. I am too excited about what's ahead of me to feel sad about leaving.

Marissa Frodsham

It seems surreal to me that my time at Elmwood is over. I remember thinking as a new student in Grade Seven of how many years away my graduation was, and here it is. These past six years have been full of so many good times and memories that I will never forget. Thank you to everyone who has inspired me and affected me in every way to reach this point in my life - a point where I now decide my own future.

Elegance is not the prerogative of those who have just escaped adolescence, but of those who have already taken possession of their future." - Coco Chanel

Celina Gilligan

School is like a marathon and senior year is like those last few miles: you're in pain and all you want to do is quit, but there is no way you're going to stop now. There have been a lot of ups and downs, and whenever I felt like my brain was starting to give out, I always had to remind myself that my present situation was not my final destination. I'm so lucky for the friends I have made throughout the years, and in 10 years when they're doctors, lawyers, and engineers, I'll most likely still be trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up.

Mckenzie Gowie

For this experience I am truly grateful. I have met some of the most influential people through this place and without them I would be lost. I know that I have made lifelong friends through Elmwood, whom I am there for and who are, in turn, there for me. Thank you to my peers and teachers who have been there for me along the way.

Kelley Gu

I'd like to start off by thanking everyone who made the past three years such a wonderful experience. Since day one, I've been telling myself, "Courage is the magic that turns dreams into reality." And what a reality! It's hard to believe how much I've grown and changed, but it's even harder to believe how much I've stayed the same. I'm still a sedentary roamer, an airheaded genius, and a beacon of brilliance eclipsed by spectacular accidents. I don't know where life will take me; I live in the moment, like a flare shot into the air. It doesn't matter what kind of pit I dig myself into as long as I have the will to use whatever tools are within reach, even if they are my own two hands. My mantra is: "If the puzzle pieces don't fit, we make them fit." Whether we like it or not, we are all moving.

Brynley Hanson-Wright

Cheers to spinning on common room chairs; the exhilaration of goals, tries, points and races; falling off the wall; mental breakdowns; spares spent on YouTube; pointing out alliteration in every sentence; the graveyard shifts full of Joaisms and enlightenment and laughs; lying in bed at CAIS each year refusing/unable to move; lack of sleep; event planning and test cramming; dogsledding, face painting, camp sailing, paddle carving, law tackling; and the very best of friends. To laughing so hard that it turns to tears and crying whenever the due dates draw near. To the past 4 rugby teams for being my family. Continue to eat 'em raw forever!

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

- Miles Kingston

There've been highs and there've been lows and now its time for me to goez. SAYONARA!!"

Joa Hoshizaki

To friends and JS girls who brightened my days, and parents and mentors who challenged my dreams during this 14-year marathon: I am grateful. To my brother who showed me that "To try and fail is better than to fail to try" - sound advice used when physics/calculus left me down and out. And to those still waiting to set off into the world: Dare To Dream!

Alexandra Houlton-Nasrallah

Wow, I can't believe Grade 12 has finished! These past four years have gone by so fast, and I couldn't have done it without all the support and hard work from everyone around me. Thank you to my friends; every day wouldn't have been as great without you all. Thank you to my teachers for all the help throughout these years. Thank you to my family, as you all helped me get through the ups and downs and were there for me every step of the way. I love you all. Finally, thank you Elmwood, as you helped me become the person I am today. Grads, I still cant believe this is it. Here's to our future!

Rachael Hunter

After four years at Elmwood, I feel I can honestly say that the School has inspired me to reach my full potential. I have had a strong network of peers and we have supported each other in reaching each of our unique goals. The all-girls environment really helped me, and all of us, to step up to roles that we may not have taken otherwise. I am truly grateful to have been at Elmwood, as the people here have consistently supported me in choosing a life and career path that is right for me.

Natascha Jensen-Poulin

Unbelievable! Six years at Elmwood have already passed. It has been an amazing time. A big thanks to everyone at Elmwood who made my journey so successful and supported me during my surgery. Good luck to my amazing little sister Katya. The next three years of high school will be a great adventure. This year was very busy for me. I worked as a lifeguard/instructor, rowed at the crack of dawn every morning, was Head of Fry, had hip surgery, all while trying to manage my priorities. I have gotten to know amazing people, taken on new challenges, strove to better myself, and most importantly, I have continued to follow my path with more and more passion growing each day. I want to go into the world and make changes and live my life knowing I am accomplishing my goals each and every day. A wise man once said:
If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it."
- William Arthur Ward

Manahil Jawad

After three years at Elmwood, I can say that I have learned a lot and I have discovered my full potential. I was lucky enough to have a strong support system, I am thankful to my devoted parents and excellent teachers. High school has been a memorable and enjoyable experience. I can honestly say, I feel much closer to reaching my goals.

Sometimes I would rather that people take away years from my life, than take away a moment." - Pearl Bailey

Merrin Lalonde

It's been eleven years at Elmwood and I would like to say I've figured out everything about growing up, but that's just not true. However, I would like to thank a few people for getting me this far. To my parents, thank you for giving me the oppartunity to grow by sending me to Elmwood. To my teachers, thank you for teaching not just the curriculum but about life as well. Finally, to my friends, thank you for endlessly supporting me and making me laugh when I didn't think I could. The only thing left to write are the "graduate words of wisdom," but since I'm really just starting out in life, all I can say is try to have fun and do a few crazy things before you head out into the world because...
Life moves pretty fast. You don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."
- Ferris Bueller

Alycia McIntosh

As we grow up, we learn that even the person that wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will. You will have your heart broken probably more than once and it gets harder every time. You'll break hearts too, so remember how it felt when yours was broken. You'll fight with your best friend. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll eventually lose someone you love, so take many pictures, laugh too much and love like you've never been hurt, because every sixty seconds you spend upset is one minute of happiness you'll never get back." - Andy Biersack. I want to thank everyone, especially Ms. Ellison, who, like this quote, has been with me through high school and still stands by me after all this time. I am, and forever will be, grateful for having you with me on this ride called life. Always.

Sarah Melloul

It's been a long yet amazing 13-year journey at Elmwood, filled with lifelong memories. Thanks to my amazing grade for being so supportive, kind and fun. Only at Elmwood could a whole grade have such a tight bond and this is what I will truly miss.

Follow your passion, stay true to yourself, and never follow someone else's path. Unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path - then by all means you should follow that." - Ellen Degeneres

Ashley Moore

Here's to the memories, laughs, and good times throughout my high school experience that I'll never forget. I couldn't have asked for a better six years of my time at Elmwood. Through all the long hours and nights spent doing homework, to working extremely hard to see that one grade go up, we finally get to say that we made it. To my incredible friends and family, I can't thank you enough for the support and love you have given me to help guide me to success. I wish you all the best, and can't wait to see what the future brings.
xo

Sarah Morrison

I had an epiphany this year. I realized that I have the freedom to do whatever I want with my life: travel anywhere, learn anything, spend time with anyone. At first, I felt intimidated as well as liberated. After all, you're just as free to make mistakes. Despite my fears, I chose the path that led me to the best version of myself. As Calvin said, "It's a magical world, Hobbes, ol' buddy... Let's go exploring!"

Alexandra Pipe

Thinking back to four years ago, I never would have imagined myself being here at Elmwood. However, wherever I thought I would be then, I could not be happier with where I am today. It's been a great three years, and I couldn't have done it without all my wonderful friends, you zaza, and every teacher who has taught me - all of whom have been nothing but supportive. To my grads, you are all so unique, and I can't even fathom all the places you'll go.

I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known." - Anonymous

Lauren Rapp

I solemnly swear I am up to no good.
To the girls who can always make me laugh. We did it. So take a breath, sit down and stop hyperventilating. I remember waking up in Grade 9 at precisely 7:10 a.m. and thinking, "Oh god, I have four years of this." Now the time has flown by in a blur of group projects, essays with spelling errors, and sports teams with coaches who have the best enthusiasm. My time at Elmwood has taught me so much, and even though I'm ready to go, I know that I will miss this place. A lot. Thanks for all of the good times.
Mischief managed.

Aurelie Richter

Senior year is full of tears and facing your fears. You will have your lasts and get ready for your firsts. You find out how close you are to some and how far away you are from others. Then look back on it, and remember it forever."

Thank you to all my teachers, especially Ms. Kindree, Señora Torres and Dr. Mahin, you have all been very supportive over my years at Elmwood. I have made some great friends here, and I will miss this grade so much!

Valerie Sedlezky

I remember three days into Grade 9 and thinking to myself... "Well, alright. I'm over high school." Yet here I am, four years later and still going strong. From the day I came to Elmwood in Grade 7 I knew it was a special place. Unforgettable. Curious. Kindred. Inspiring. Those are only a few words that can describe my Elmwood experiences. To my teachers and friends, thank you for making my journey though high school quite exceptional.

Sonia Siddiqui

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm. As you get older, remember you have another hand: the first is to help yourself, the second is to help others."
- Audrey Hepburn
As you get older" - older than this? I can't believe I'm this old now! Not that it's even that old, but to think I'm graduating, and as a different person - "good different" of course. I don't think I'm that old, and I know I have further to go, longer roads to travel, and harder courses ahead, but I'm looking forward to offering this second hand to someone along the way. I'm looking forward to discovering myself and pursuing my passions. Thank you for everything, Elmwood. I feel like a toddler off to her first day of school with a little backpack. I'm ready to take on the world, with my little backpack of tools. World: "Come at me, bruh."

Jordan Smith

Cheers to the beginning of our lives and being ourselves. To the Grads, remember:
No one ever discovered anything new by coloring in the lines."
- Thomas Vasquez

Katherine Snelling

Over the past four years at Elmwood I've learned a lot about a wide range of concepts, but something that keeps coming up throughout my experience is the power of girls. Graduating and growing into a young woman, I want to look to a more unlikely role model, KE$HA. Despite her wild antics, KE$HA is a proud IB graduate and has a message that I think I have learned during my time at Elmwood: "Be yourself. Unapologetically."

Cynthia Taing

"The journey doesn't start at the beginning, it begins at the end."
- unknown

My four-year journey at Elmwood has come to an end, and I'm now ready to begin the next chapter of my life. I love my teachers, who have been super supportive along the way, and my grade, because I wouldn't have been able to make it through without you all. IB GRADS 2014!

Amanda Thoo

Now, about it is time,
Elmwood has been exceptional.
To remember us.
Times 2014
Done
Finally over
Long nights
green lights
Elmwood life.

Certainly, I will miss it incredibly.
Since this is my last year,
I can't help remembering.

The excitement, I'll admit is
tremendously exciting.
It's here.
Variables, eagles, lago, green,
teachers, done.

Yes, many pictures, never enough.
Much nostalgia. Every time,
everywhere.
Incredibly tough.
Sometimes rough.
Always advantageous.
Thank you, Elmwood.

Mackenzie Walker

My time at Elmwood has been short, but during the past two years I have learned a lot. It didn't take long for me to settle in and soon enough it felt like I had been here forever. Although it has had its ups and downs, I have met amazing people and experienced new things. I really feel like I have had a profound change on this school, and to prove it, here are some testimonials:
"Who are you?" - Alexa Colbert
"How do you spell your name again?" - Anonymous
As you can see, I've left my mark on this school and I know it has left a mark on me. I can't wait to see where the future will take me.

Chang Wu (Daisy)

Right now, I feel really glad that my mom chose Elmwood for me three years ago. Therefore, I came to the school and met everyone here. I am really proud that everyone in our grade knows one other, and that we spent our twinkling and brilliant high school years together. Thanks to all the teachers and friends who have given help to me. Hope all 2014 grads will achieve their own full potential in the future. Love all of you in Elmwood. I give you a huge hug, but I am not touching you.

Wang WeiWei (Vivian)

Even though I've only been at Elmwood for the last two years, I have truly benefited from the IB curriculum and various extra-curricular opportunities the school has to offer. From challenging myself to constantly taking new risks in learning, to facing the obstacles and eventually conquering them, I strive to reach my full potential and give my best efforts in every discipline. As an IB full diploma student, the IB learner profile inspires me to not only become an inquirer and a life-long learner, but more, to become a principled and compassionate individual who embraces every change in life with a peaceful mindset.

Alex Watson

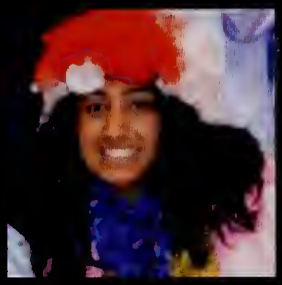
I wouldn't want to start my write up any other way than by thanking my parents. Without them I would have never been given the opportunities that have been presented to me. I am so thankful for everything that they've done for me and hope that I've made them proud! I also want to thank all of my coaches who have helped me develop my skills and helped create everlasting team bonds. #wolfpack. Since this write-up is already cheesy enough, here's a quote to add to it, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get." - Forrest Gump

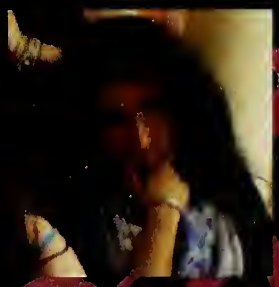
Elaine Zhang

I solemnly swear that I am up to no good.
Seven years is a long time for memories to be made, and I am grateful for the memories I will leave with. From crazy (borderline-insane) Middle School antics, to uncontrollably laughing at the worst times, to chemistry lessons-turned-life lessons, I have been inspired by teachers, coaches and the girls I have grown up with at Elmwood. Wherever we are next year, I know we will continue to grow, experience and conquer.
Mischief managed.

Head Girl

Hey everyone! It's your Head Girl, Aashna. It's been a incredible year getting to know everyone and participating in school events with a fantabulous team of prefects. You've all been such an awesome group of girls, so be proud of completing another year at Elmwood (yes, go ahead, give yourself a pat on the back). I just wanted to thank you as well, for all the enthusiasm and support you've given me, and especially for laughing at those puns and jokes in assembly no matter how terrible they were. Anywho, it's time for me to take off and go on another adventure in university (hopefully they'll laugh at my jokes too).
'Till next time folks!
- Aashna Uppal





Why is Peter Pan always flying? He *neverlands*.
I really like this pun because it never grows old. But what's crazy is that I've grown up. Wow, time flies like an arrow. And fruit flies like a banana. I'm graduating this year, which seems surreal right now, to say the least. It feels like I learned how to tie my shoes yesterday, and now I'm here, at the finish line. If there's one important lesson I've learned through my high school career, it's that you should always be shore of yourself. Avoid pier pressure and don't get tide down. Try coming out of your shell once in a while and always, no matter what, sea life's beauty.
Over and out, Elmwood.

Prefects 2013-2014

Head Girl- Aashna Uppal
Senior Prefect- Valerie Sedlezky
Middle School Prefect- Katherine Alvarenga
Junior School Prefect- Joa Hoshizaki
Head of Keller- Kelley Gu
Head of Fry- Natascha Jensen-Poulin
Head of Nightingale- Lauren Rapp
Head of Wilson- Olivia Casarramona
Sports Captain- Brynley Hanson-Wright
Arts Prefect- Sonia Siddiqui
Admissions Prefect- Merrin Lalonde
Community Prefect- Celina Gilligan

Elmwood In a Word

"Community!"

-Justine Frame

"Magical"

Celina -Giligan

"Spirit"

-Lauren Rapp

"A Team"

Manahil-Jawad

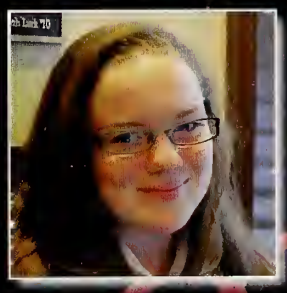
Elmwood is....

"Family"

-Daisy Wang

"Undescribable, fun"

Merrin-Lalonde



"Scholastic!"

-Amanda Thoo

"Following your passion"

Joa-Hoshizaki

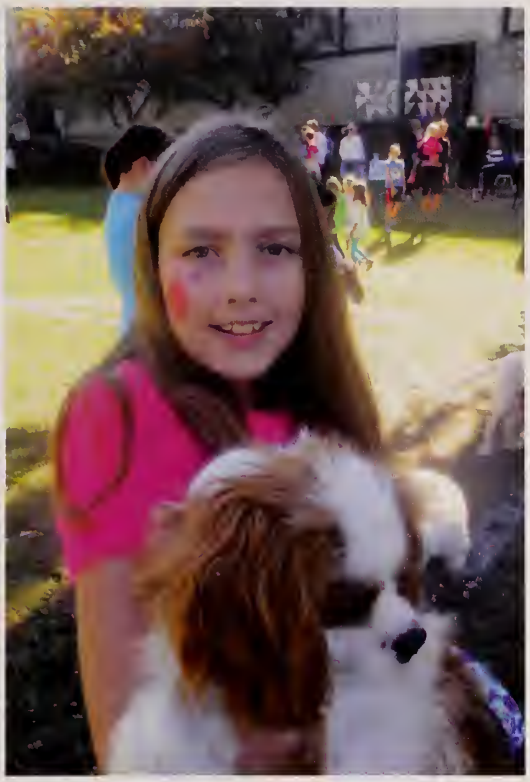
100 Nights Dinner

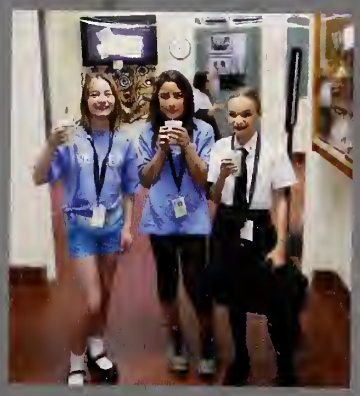
Rose Ceremony

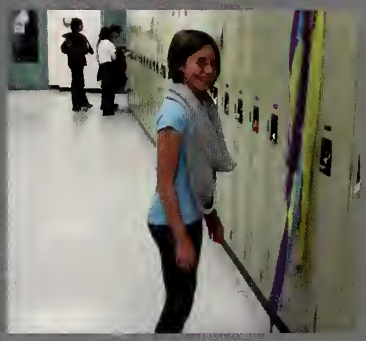
Garden Party

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined."
-Henry David Thoreau

House Spirit







Keller

Prefect: Kelley Gu

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Nightingale

Prefect: Lauren Rapp

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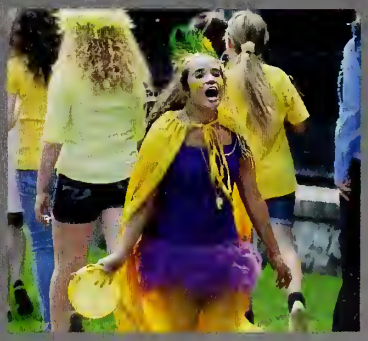
FRY

Fry

Prefect: Natasha Jansen-Poulin

COLUMBIA



Wilson

Prefect: Olivia Cassaramona

We've Got Spirit, How 'Bout You?

Clubs & Councils

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Junior School

International Club

Miwa Hayashi, Angelika Boehm, Kaylah Carruthers, Celia Batchelor, Victoria Wernik

Running Club

Genevieve Laplante, Khaliya Thawer, Annabel Hay, Avery Conrad, Elsa Saltel, Lucy Reilly-King, Katherine Souaid, Emma Farquhar, Violet Tucker, Alicia Gombos, Sonja Swettenham, Rowan Parkinson, Hannah Vermeij, Diya Bhan, Sara Acharya, Norah Heim, Naila Moloo, Francesca James-Brennan, Zara Tucker, Gigi Lombardi, Hailey Kay, Maya Allen, Mikayla Johnson, Bianca Sugunasiri, Katja Simic-Lawson, Igone Schotman, Katerina Simantirakis, Zafreen Abdullah, Eleonora Nadon, Avery Brambell, Clara White, Ceili Halloran, Reese Hathaway

Competitive Robotics

Mr. Perreault, Michika Montaldo, Isabel Smith, Shannon Howarth, Maya Ladki, Caitlin Walsh, Maizie Solomon, Zahra Robertson, Melody Reynolds, Ms. Holmes, Caitlin Baxter, Hayley Conrad, Isabella Bruinsma, Charlotte Noxon

Ballet

Maryam Al Shehhi, Olwen Entcknap-Smith, Victoria Zhu, Yasmin Dhanani, Daniella Lloreda, Katja Simic-Lawson, Genevieve Laplante, Kassie Domonkos Johnson, Avery Aken, Alyazia Al Shehhi, Rowyn Pratte, Raluca Voina, Ryley Brambell, Avery Brambell, Katerina Simantirakis, Elizabeth Chen-Baker, Imara Bhulji, Ellena Waddington, Igone Schotman, Sonja Swettenham, Claire Murray, Ms. Filleul, Sofia Zate

Chess Club

Imara Bhulji, Norah Heim, Saisha Vaidya, Ellena Waddington, Claire Zate, Hannah Vermeij, Alexus Oakes, Jayne Acharya, Jenna Hathaway, Lucy Tucker, Sophia Roth Jones, Zara Tucker, Violet Tucker, Mr. Marghetis

Ukulele Club

Mrs. Pike, Kailey Walker, Lola Sembrat, Katherine Howarth, Zoe Lang, Xela Smith, Mckenzie Gowie, Mrs. Wiley, Melody Reynolds, Claire Murray, Grace Kremmel, Lauren Ho, Grace Brunner, Fiona McCallum, Lauren Jane Hudson, Natasha Souaid, Lilly Allen, Mila Mierins, Caitlin Walsh, Ainsley Hathaway

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Junior School

House Games

Olivia Howe, Angelika Boehm, Zoe Lang, Mila Mierins, Tara Hanson-Wright, Lauren Ha, Victoria Devine-Ducharme, Ainsley Hathaway, Katy Norton, Sophie Glover, Lola Sembrat, Madi Chwast, Dahlia Rastom, Reese Hathaway, Igone Schatman, Christina Nightingale, Mikayla Johnson, Hailey Kay, Saisha Vaidya, Ceili Hallaran, Clara White, Francesca James-Brennan, Jacqueline Reilly-King, Shelby McMahan, Avery Canrad, Zara Tucker, Rowan Parkinson, Alys-Mia Benloulou, Imara Bhulji, Diya Bhan, Lucy Reilly-King, Hannah Vermeij, Violet Tucker, Sora Acharya, Alexus Oakes

Drums

Katherine Howarth, Grace Charness, Lilli-Angélique Potter Dhieux, Natasha Souaid, Ainsley Hathaway, Mila Mierins, Kailey Walker, Sophie Glover, Madi Chwast, Lola Sembrat, Lauren Ho, Didi Bredberg, Victoria Devine-Ducharme

Starr Gymnastics

Alys-Mia Benloulou, Imara Bhulji, Rowyn Pratte, Ryley Brambell, Kassie Domonkos Johnson, Clarissa Lauzon, Mia Bettolli-Remonda, Ayuka Montaldo, Raluca Voina, Avery Aken, Alicia Gombos, Cissy Kuang, Gigi Lombardi, Avery Brambell, Ellena Waddington, Lucy Reilly-King, Reese Hathaway, Ceili Halloran, Clara White, Francesca James-Brennan, Naila Moloo

Math Club

Bianca Sugunasiri, Cissy Kuang, Igone Schotman, Shelby McMahon, Zafreen Abdullah, Jacqueline Reilly-King, Olivia Howe, Genevieve Laplante, Sonja Swettenham, Miriam Rida, Samantha Rossi, Katherine Souaid, Emma Farquhar, Alicia Gombos, Gigi Lombardi, Maya Allen

Shakespeare Club

Fiona McCallum, Natasha Souaid, Caitlin Walsh, Katherine Howarth, Sarah Allam, Lilly Allen, Claire Goldberg, Sofia Zate, Grace Brunner, Maizie Solomon, Lauren Ho, Didi Bredberg, Claire Murray, Grace Charness, Kailey Walker

Fibonnaci Club

Sophie Glover, Xela Smith, Lilly Allen, Zoe Lang, Sarah Allam, Mila Mierins, Caitlin Walsh, Ryleigh Case, Alexa Karpfinger, Kaylah Carruthers, Madi Chwast, Maizie Solomon, Avery Parkinson, Ally Wilson, Grace Kremmel, Celia Batchelor, Sophia Roth Jones, Natasha Souaid, Catherine Mitchell-Ross, Victoria Devine-Ducharme, Sophia Moloo, Madighan Ryan, Grace Brunner, Melody Reynolds, Miwa Hayashi

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Junior School

1-2 Library

Jayne Acharya, Alexus Oakes, Francesca James-Brennan, Ceili Halloran, Avery Conrad, Eleonora Nadon, Clara White, Zara Tucker, Reese Hathaway, Elsa Saltel, Sara Acharya, Rowan Parkinson, Lucy Reilly-King, Annabel Hay, Alys-Mia Benloulou, Imara Bhulji, Saisha Vaidya, Diya Bhan

3-4 Library

Cissy Kuang, Christina Nightingale, Jacqueline Reilly-King, Olivia Howe, Shelby McMahon, Sonja Swettenham, Gigi Lombardi, Dahlia Rostom, Celia Batchelor, Lucy Tucker, Madighan Ryan, Hailey Kay, Genevieve Laplante

Chime Choir

Emma Farquhar, Alex Boushey, Katja Simic-Lawson, Catherine Mitchell-Ross, Sophie DeFelice, Sophia Moloo, Jacqueline Reilly-King, Ryleigh Case, Xela Smith, Mrs. Wiley

Absent: Olivia Howe and Alexa Karpfinger

Friday Fitness

Alex Boushey, Madighan Ryan, Angelika Boehm, Sarah Allam, Grace Brunner, Grace Charness, Katherine Howarth, Lauren Ho, Ainsley Hathaway, Katy Norton, Natasha Souaid, Zoe Lang, Jacqueline Reilly-King, Katherine Souaid, Maya Allen, Reese Hathaway, Gigi Lombardi, Emma Farquhar, Mikayla Johnson, Hailey Kay, Genevieve Laplante, Saisha Vaidya, Ceili Halloran, Clara White, Francesca James-Brennan, Sara Acharya, Annabel Hay, Alicia Gombos, Alys-Mia Benloulou, Imara Bhulji, Diya Bhan, Lucy Reilly-King, Hannah Vermeij, Khaliya Thawer, Katerina Simantirakis, Norah Heim

Clubs & Councils

Junior School House Council

Term 1:
Sarah Allam, Fiona, Caitlin, Mila Mierins, Lili-Angelique Potter-Diueux, Ainsley Hathaway, Madison Chwast, Lola Sembrat

Term 2:
Grace Brunner, Lauren Ho, Katherine Howart, Michika Montaldo, Katy Norton, Tara Hanson-Wright, Claire Goldberg, Kailey Walker

Junior School Athletics Council

Katherine Howarth, Lauren Ho, Tara Hanson-Wright, Claire Goldberg, Katy Norton, Sofia Zate, Claire Murray, Lilli-Angélique Potter Dhieux, Didi Bredberg, Ainsley Hathaway, Grace Charness

Free The Children

Hannah Charness, Eva Sabine, Leen Zaghlaul, Emma Yaung, Megan Sweeney, Fumi Shibutani, Sreenija Kaya, Laura Marrisan, Brooke Mierins, Zakiya Abdullah, Danielle Humilde, Lauren Lambert, Valerie Molnar, Upkeerut Saran, Ras-Jeevan Obhi

Model United Nations

Maitland Shaheen, Vicky Bolitha, Samantha Thompsan-Spence, Braoke Mierins, Fumi Shibutani, Cecille Wu, Yilin Wang, Emma Hunter, Zakiya Abdullah, Sophia Swettenham, Dania Rida, Meera Singla

International Cultures Club

Zein Zaghlaul, Megan Russell, Jenna Maledina, Paula Werdnik, Sijyl Fasih, Emily Stephens, Brianna Ganga Cave, Sheetza McGarry, Mutinta Namuyemba, Sikemi Oni,

Clubs & Councils

Middle/Senior School

French Club

Shannon Howarth. Léane Gaussorgues. Hannah Keough. Camille Beaulé. Sophie Lamontagne Bothwell. Zaina Khan. Vera Abdel Malek. Hoda Darwish. Claudia Fournier. Audrey Giroux. Mariam Dakdouki.

Student Ambassadors

Caitlin Baxter, Hannah Goldstein, Andrea Douglas, Emmaleigh Case, Rutaaba Fasih,Isabel Smith, Alisha Abdul Rahman, Maya Ladki, Natalia Morris, Hayley Conrad, Kira Cheer, Charlotte Pryor Hofley, Mattea Roght Jones, Olga Lietsala, Kelly Wang, Isabelle Barker, Grace Goldberg, Bethany Fitch, Ava Batchelor, Sophie Lamontagne-Bothwell, Camille Beaule, Tara Rida, Spruha Sanghavi, Jaida Wilson, Jordyn Lalonde, Ailish Saranchuk, Leen Zaghloul, Lyanna Abdul Rahman, Bronte Assadzadeh, Emma Young, Hannah Charness, Ava Vandenbelt, Ava Mierins, Katherine Keough, Shannon Howarth, Caroline Capehart, Charlotte Bascombe, Aya Yoshizawa, Sarah Murray, Ina Arora, Molly Harmon, Katarina Auster, Eva Sabine, Hope Richtegar, Kristina Allatt, Carine Ladki, Helen Hume, Hoda Darwish, Julia Crystal, Erica Giustiniani, Emily Bangsboll, Julia Crystal, Kylie Brownlee, Sarah Jackson, Claudia Finak-Fournier, Sydney Greenley, Lucy Whichelo, Ciara Halloran, Sophia Swettenham, Cynthia Sedlezky, Lily Newberry, Alexa Shabinsky, Ciara Halloran, Brigitte McElligott, Emily Hartvitch, Paula Werdnik, Louisa James-Beswick, Keerut Saran, Margaret Pateman, Dania Rida, Tessa van Haastrecht, Brooke Mierins, Aiyanna Morris, Hannah Dolhai, Megan Sweeney, Sreenija Koya, Brianna Gonga-Cave, Sikemi Oni, Quinn Fincham, Fumi Shibutani, Meera Singla, Laura Morrison, Valerie Molnar, RJ Obhi, Sophie Ackert, Jenna Moledina, Zakiya Abdullah, Audrey Giroux, Keerut Saran, Maitland Shaheen, Lauren Lambert, Justine Beaule, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Cynthia Taing, Emily Stephens, Erin Lounder, Amanda Thoo, Aashna Uppal, Merrin Lalonde, Manahil Jawad, Mackenzie Gowie, Justine Frame, Sarah Morrison, Val Sedlezky, Alexa Colbert Alex Pipe

Elmwood Chronicle

Rachael Hunter, Manahil Jawad, Valerie Molnar, Sophie Barnes, Katya Brooks, Mariam Dakdouki, Brynley Hanson-Wright, Emma Hunter, Maya Mainland-Gratton, Maitland Shaheen, Fumi Shibutani, Emily Stephens, Megan Sweeney, Sophia Swettenham, Aashna Uppal

Grad Committee

Kat Snelling, Alycia McIntosh, Vivien Wang, Mackenzie Walker, Alexa Colbert, Amanda Thoo, Manahil Jawad, Cynthia Taing
Supervisor - Teresa Marquis

Screen Team

Laura Alexander, Quinn Fincham, Tessa Van Haasrecht, Helen Hume, Sreenija Koya, Lauren Lambert, Valerie Molnar, Laura Morrison, Margaret Pateman, Megan Sweeney

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MS Classics Council

Jordyn Lalonde, Ava Batchelor, Ailish Saranchuk, Veronika Lassl, Francisca Garcia, Regina Garcia, Jaida Wilson, Mackenzie Johnson, Isabelle Barker, Leah Smith, Brigitte McElligott, Molly Harmon, Elizabeth Coulter, Isabella Thomas, Hannah Charness, Emmaleigh Case

Classics Club

Alycia McIntosh, Victoria Bolitho, Samantha Thompson-Spence, Zoe Auclair, Sophia Smith, Bakiza al Kalili, Dora Deng, Kelley Gu, Yizhou (Ingrid) Peng, Jing Qiu, Yilin Wang, Cecille Wu, Manahil Jawad, Ras Jeevan Obhi, Erin Lounder
Ms. Ellison, Ms. Rossiter

Art Club

Sheetza McGarry, Emily Bangsboll, Paula Werdnik, Madeleine Klebanoff O'Brien, Sophia Swettenham, Fumi Shibutani, Kylie Brownlee, Aiyanna Morris, Aashna Uppal, RJ Obhi, Valerie Molnar, Rachael Hunter

Drawing/Watercolour Club

Ava Vandenbelt, Caroline Capehart,Francisca Garcia, Regina Garcia, Haleigh Case. Emmaleigh Case, Bronte Assadzadeh

Dance

Bronte Assadzadeh, Katharina Auster, Lyanna Abdul, Ava Mierins, Sarah Murray Eva Sabine Devon Sweeney, Isabella Thomas, Caelyn Want Leen Zaghloul, Jackie Goldstein, Ina Aurora, Alex King, Carine Ladki, Kira Ling Jay

Clubs & Councils

Middle/Senior School

Chess Club

Cally McConnell, Chloe Lucas, Genevieve Laberer, Ava Hambleton, Koyuki Hayashi, Zam Zam Turki, Emily Stephens, Valerie Molnar

MS Chess Cllub

Mattea Roth Jomes, Olga Lietsala, Kelly Wang, Isabel Smith, Ailish Saranchuk, Jaida Wilson, Ava Batchelor, Amanda Nightingale, Elizabeth Coulter, Caroline Capchart, Lean Dickenson, Mackenzie Johnson, Rutaaba Fasih, Charlotte Pryor

Astronomy Club

Sophia Swettenham, Bakiza Al Khalili, Cynthia Sedlezki

MS Athletics Council

Andrea Douglas, Hannah Goldstein, Olga Lietsala, Kelly Wang, Mattea Roth Jones, Bethany Fitch, Karen Jarvlepp, Emma Boushey, Charlotte Noxon, Zaina Khan, Spruha Sanghavi, Tara Rida, Avery Want, Anna DeFelice, Maya Kors, Dalia Sawaya, Leen Zaghloul, Hope Rikhtegar

SS Athletics Council

Brynley Hanson-Wright, Erica Coady, Jenna Moledina, Paige Tremblay, Sophia Caragianis, Val Molnar, Helen Hume, Hoda Darwish, Mia Fitzpatrick, Brianna Gonga-cave, Alexa Shabinsky, Laura Alexander.

MS Environment Council

Katherine Snelling, Manahil Jawad, Kristina Allatt, Sophia Avisar, Charlotte Bascombe, Leah Dickinson, Jackie Goldstein, Hannah Keough, Alex King, Erica Leighton, Hannah Libovicz-Kilgore, Kyra Ling-Jay, Keiren McClelland, Sarah Murray, Charlotte Pryor Hofley, Caelyn Want, Patricia Werdnik, Cecille Wu, Aya Yoshizawa

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Middle/Senior School

MS House Council

Devon Sweeney, Bronte Assadzadeh, Ava Mierins, Katherine Keough, Camille Beaulle, Addison Hathaway, Sophie Lamontagne Bothwell, Kennedy Reid, Rutaaba Fasih, Kira Cheer, Haleigh Case, Alisha Abdul Rahman

SS House Council

Louisa James-Beswick, Sophie Ackert, Justine Beaule, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Dania Rida, Laura Morrison, Chloe Lucas, Brooke Mierins, Lucy Whichelo, Cynthia Sedlezky, Sijyl Fasih, Ciara Halloran

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MS Arts Council

Lyanna Abdul Rahman, Katharina Auster, Caitlin Baxter, Emma Birchall, Grace Goldberg, Emily Keon, Evelyn Miller, Natalia Morris, Amanda Nightingale, Rika Ochiai, Eva Sabine, Allison Sedlezky, Stephanie Townsend, Ava Vandenbelt, Logan Vaughan, Ashton Yau

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Readers Council

Alycia McIntosh, Charlotte Amannt, Ina Arora, Caroline Capehart, Leane Gaussorgues, Saskia Griffiths, Jacqueline Law, Liza Xing, Emma Young

Arts & Literature

Music concerts

CAPITAL REGION MUSIC FEST
OTTAWA ONTARIO 2014

Elmwood Poetry

Between the Lines
by Kelley Gu

Do you remember how they taught us English in grade school?
Life was simple back then.
When the written word was literal,
Where deep explanations were not given.

Do you remember when themes were of simple "love" or "fate"
And awesome alliteration appeared easy? (that was assonance)
Neither rocky imagery nor excessive hyperbole
Can express how English makes you dizzy.

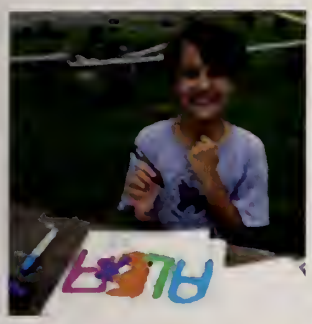
Do you remember when there was no difference between "house" and "home"?
It's mood and connotation and symbolism you fear.
"Read the subtext," the teacher insists,
"Know the context -- you'll need it for next year."

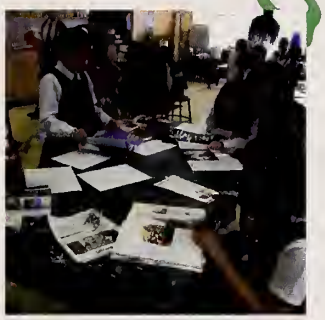
But there might be method in this madness called literature
If you assume things happen for a reason.
An author has to make every word count, you see
The best books are important from page one.

Writers and poets are artists from the core,
They critique with sharp eyes and wit.
They reflect on their culture through words and metaphors,
To explain how society is... unreasonable.

Do you notice how they teach us English in high school?
Studying values of far-off places and times?
Every part has a rich purpose hidden within -- and that is why
We teach you to read between the lines.

JS Visual Arts





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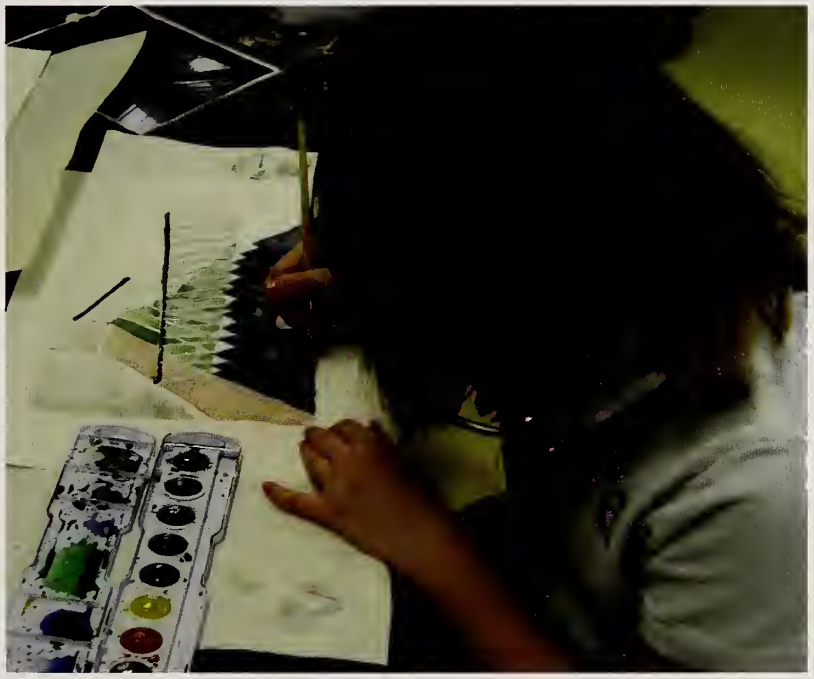

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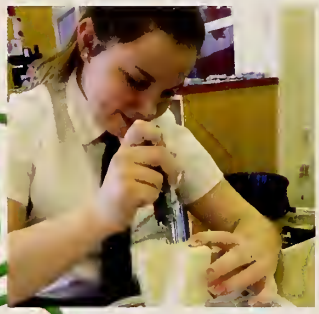
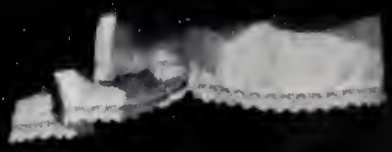


Theatre



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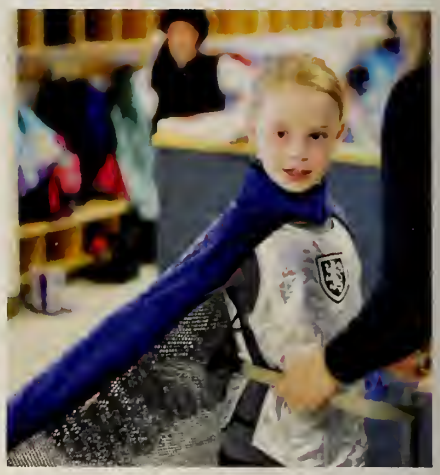

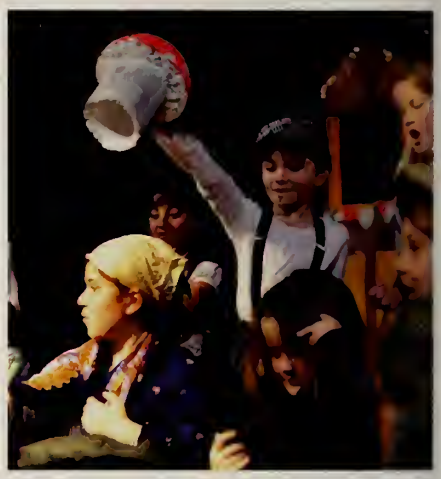

MS Musical

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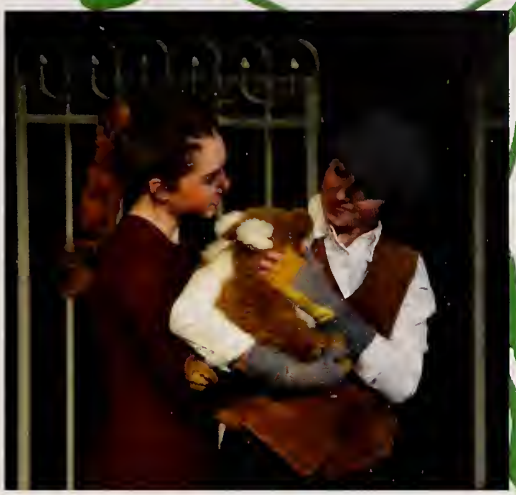

The Secret Garden, by Paul Ledoux - written in 1991 for Young Peaples Theatre in Toronto - is a unique interpretation of a much-loved story. This is a play within a play, as the fictional characters of the original novel become the invention of four young girls, who busy themselves with the reenactment of their favourite scenes. Sometimes this leads to disputes between them, as they struggle to adapt the story. The image of children at play, who busy themselves with the orchestration of make-believe, provided another layer to Frances Hodgson Burnetts classic tale of orphaned children striving to find a place for themselves in a loveless world. The story is still a compelling one, which is why we return to it so often; we are drawn by the notion that on the other side of a garden gate is a place that provides solace and refuge to lost wanderers and - through its restorative powers - the means to positive transformation.

The challenges in choosing a piece such as this were the constant transitions between interior and exterior settings. When considering how to manage this fluidity of movement on a small stage, it quickly became apparent that the young performers themselves should represent the natural world of the garden through the art of puppetry. And so there developed a wondrous collaboration of human characters together with the wild animals who live on the Yorkshire Moors. Elmwood Theatre was very proud to share with their audiences, last February, a magical retelling of Frances Hodgson Burnetts favourite classic.

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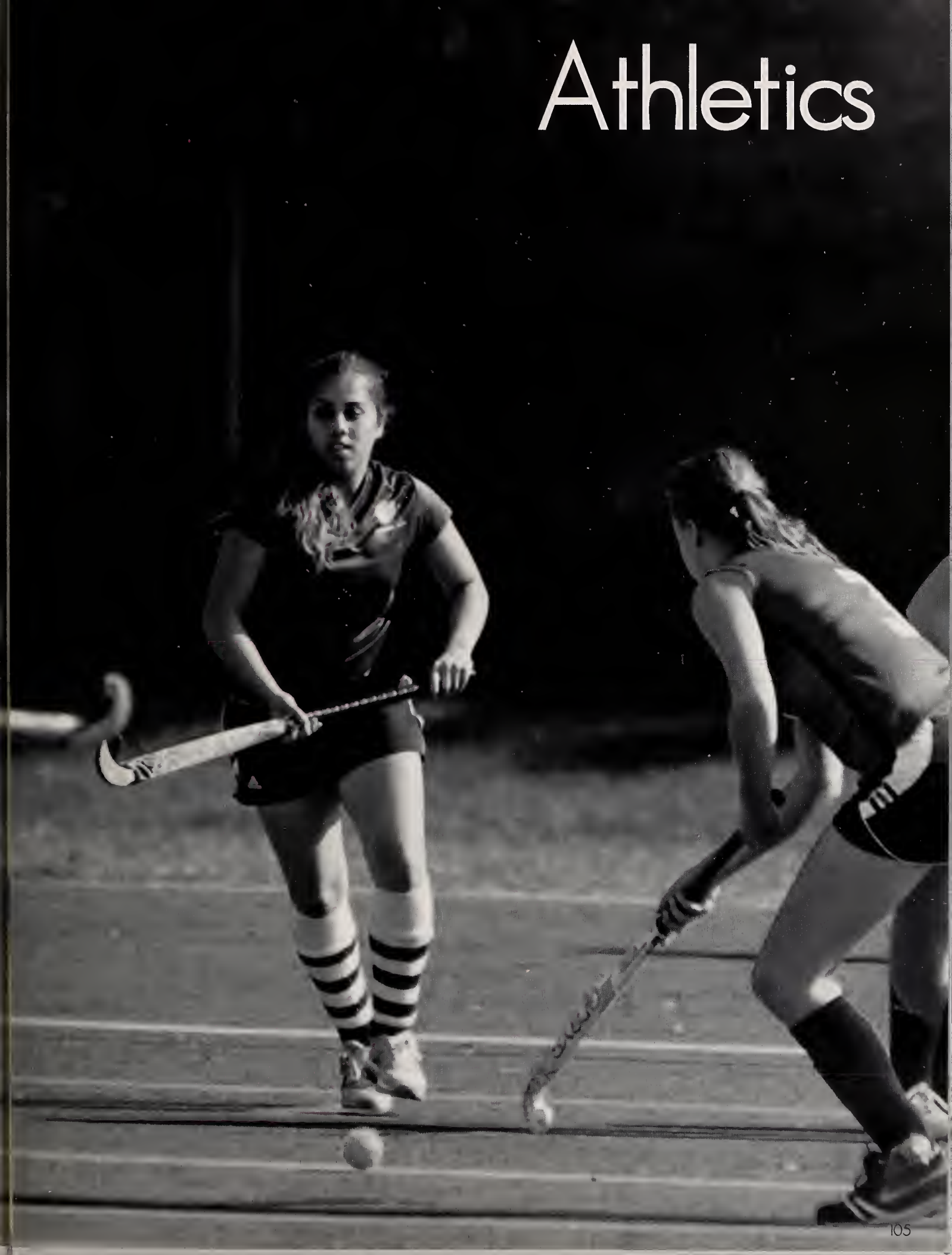
Athletics



Athletics

MS Cross-Country Running

Mrs. Mulcahy & Mrs. Torres
Hayley Conrad, Andrea Douglas, Emmaleigh Case, Haleigh Case, Leah Dickinson, Emma Boushey, Karen Jarvelepp, Maya Kors, Sophie Lamontagne-Bothwell, Jaida Wilson, Erica Leighton, Bronte Assadzadeh, Leane Gaussorgues, Eva Sabine, Brigitte McElligott, Ava Vandenbelt, Katherine Keough

SS Cross-Country Running

Coaches: Mrs. Derbyshire, Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Iwanowski
Maria Aho-Merlo, Laura Alexander, Celina Gilligan, Joa Hoshizaki, Valerie Molnar, Jing Qui, Myriam Rostom, Cynthia Sedlezky, Fumi Shibutani, Yilin Wang, Lucy Whichelo, Cecille Wu, Zein Zaghloul, Elaine Zhang.

Golf Team

Coach: Mr. Robertson
Danielle Humilde, Sophia Swettenham

6-8 Relay

Coach: Mrs. Tweedie

Hayley Conrad, Leah Dickinson, Hannah Goldstein, Mackenzie Johnson, Natalia Morris, Charlotte Pryor-Hofley, Isabel Smith, Karen Jarvlepp, Zaina Khan, Alex King, Charlotte Noxon, Kennedy Reid, Tara Rida, Avery Want, Ashton Yau, Sophia Avisar, Leanne Gaussorgues, Katherine Keaugh

Field Hockey

Coach: Mr. Sambles

Monica Alicea, Erica Coady, Mia Fitzpatrick, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Sydney Greenley, Brynley Hanson-Wright, Emily Hartvich, Joa Hoshizaki, Sarah Robinson, Keerut Saran, Cynthia Sedlesky, Sonia Siddiqui, Katherine Snelling, Paige Tremblay, Paula Werdnik, Zein Zaghloul

8 Ski/Snowboard

Coach: Mrs Cvetanovic

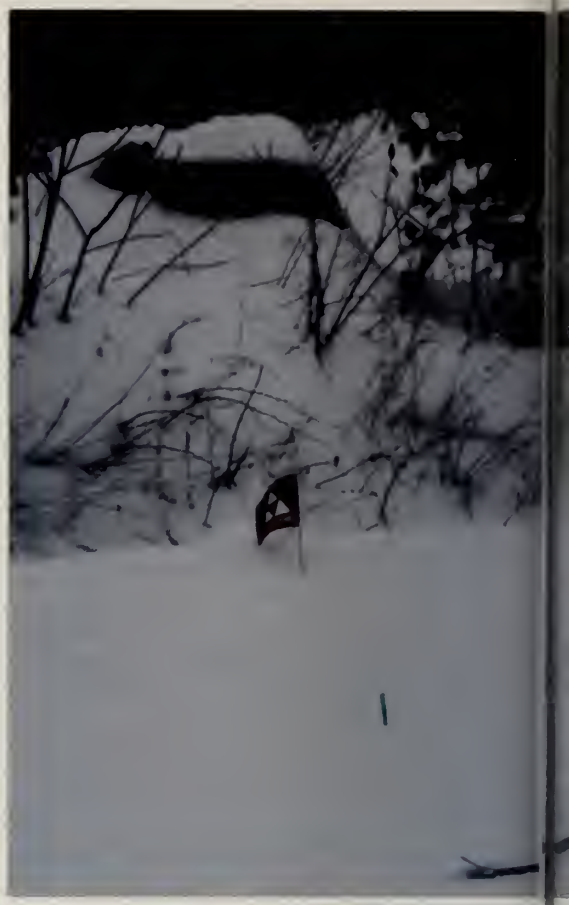
Katherine K, Hannah C, Molly H, Jackie G, C,arine L, Elizabeth C, Kyra L.J, Eva S, Emma Y, Leane G, Shannon H

Athletics

5/6 Basketball

Coaches: Mr. Levesque & Helen Hume

Sophie G, Victoria D.D, Lilly A, Grace C, Caitlin W, Lauren H, Tara H.W, Hannah G, Andrea D, Claire G, Hayley C, Isabelle B, Leah D, Mila M



7/8 Basketball

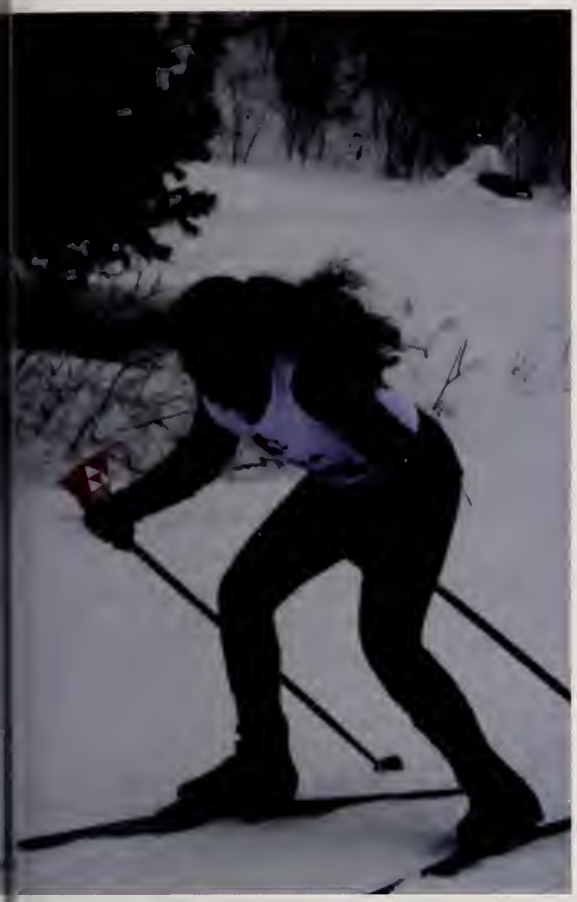
Coaches: Mr. Small & Sophia Caragianis

Leah S, Caelyn W, Hope R, Ava M, Bronte A, Brigitte M, Avery W, Jackie G, Ashton Y, Dalia S, Eva S, Leen Z, Tara R, Sarah M, Zaina K

SS Basketball

Coaches: Mr. Small & Mrs. Brownlie

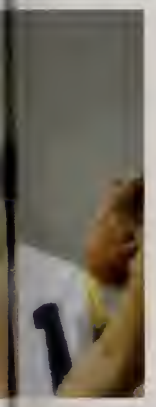
Alycia Mcitosh, Alex Watson, Lauren Rapp, Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Sophia Caragianis, Sophie Barnes, Laura Morrison, Sikemi Oni, Brianna Gongacave, Alexa Shbinski, Lily Newberry, Emily Bangsboll



SS Snowboard

Coach: Mr. Robertson

Paige Tremblay, Erin Lounder, Sophie Barnes, Sian Bryson, Heather Lounder.



Alpine Skiing

Coach: Mrs. Cvetanovic,

Eleanor Berks, Daisy Wang, Lauren Rapp, Sophie Ackert, Sam Thompson Spence, Quinn Fincham, Ava Hambleton, Chloe Lucas, Brooke Mierens, Christine Ding, Cythia Sedlezky, Helen Hume, Julia Crystal, Laura Alexander, Sheetza McGarry, Allegra Richter, Dora Deng, Lucy Wichelo.

Nordic Skiing

Coach: Mr. Levesque

Brynley Hanson-Wright, Katherine Snelling, Zein Zaghloul, Sophia Swettenham, Sheetza McGarry, Emily Bangsboll.

Athletics

5/6 Volleyball

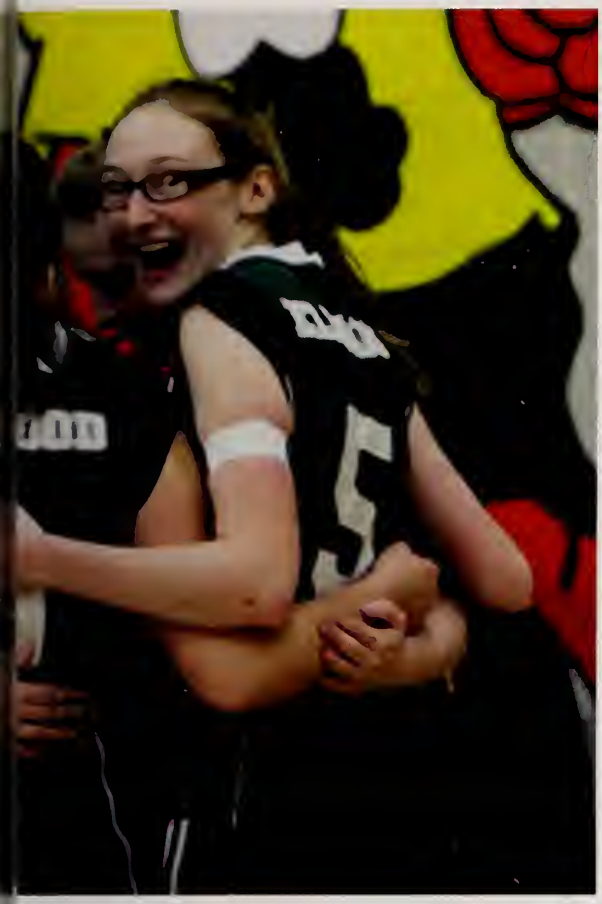
Coach: Ms. Holmes, Ms. Tweedie

Alisha Abdul Rahman, Haley Conrad, Victoria Devine-Ducharme, Andrea Douglas, Hannah Goldstein, Tara Hanson-Wright, Ainsley Hathaway, Mila Mierins, Natalia Morris, Lilli-Angelique Potter Dhieux, Isabel Smith, Caitlin Walsh

7/8 Volleyball

Coaches: Mrs. Kilbertus & Jordan Smith

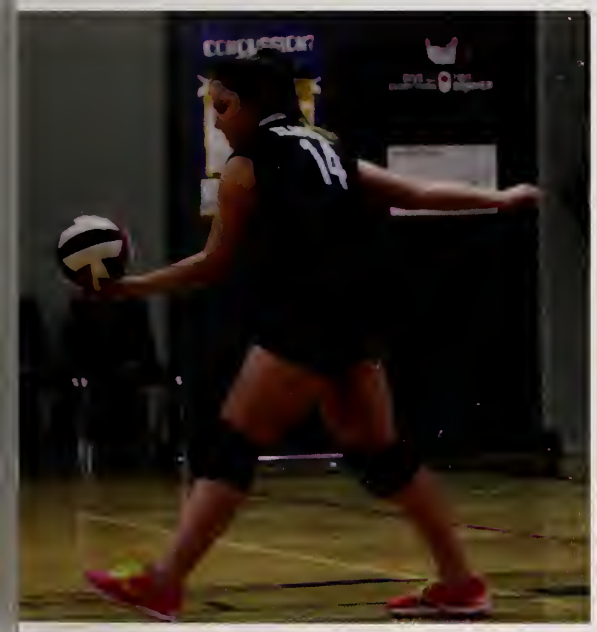
Addison H, Ava V, Ava M, Hope R, Lyanna A.R, Emma B, Emma Y, Hannah C, Ashton Y, Kat A, Saskia G, Aya Y, Charlotte B, Anna D, Lisa X



Junior Volleyball

Coaches: Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Kilbertus, Mrs. Adolph

Laura Morrison, Alexa Shabinsky, Britney Smith, Brooke Mierins, Elizabeth Moloney, Brianna Gonga-Cave, Emma Trudel, Emily Bangsboll, Sophia Smith, Katya Jansen-Poulin, Emily Hartvich, Cynthia Sedlezsky



Senior Volleyball

Coaches: Mrs. Stirling & Mrs. Derbyshire

Paige Tremblay, Jenna Moledina, Erica Coady, Lauren Lambert, Sophie Ackert, Joa Hoshizaki, Valerie Molnar, Aiyanna Morris, Jordan Smith

Athletics

5/6 Soccer

Coaches: Ms. Tweedie & Mr. Gummeson

Isabelle B, Caitlin B, Didi B, Isabella B , Grace B, Grace C, Hayley C, Victoria D.D, Leah D, Andrea D, Hannah G, Allison S, Lola S, Ava T, Patricia W

7/8 Soccer

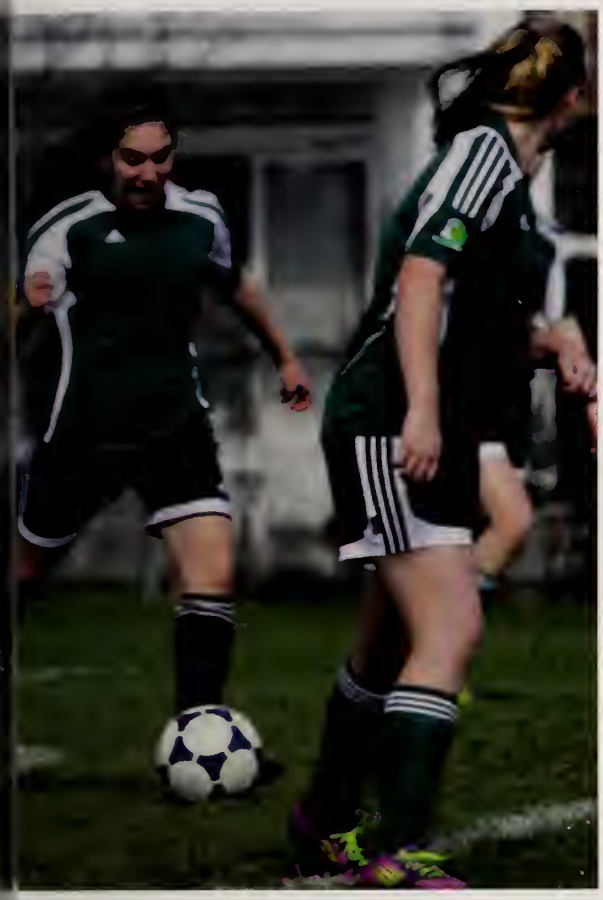
Coach: Mrs. Walsh

Devon S, Leanne G, Bronte A, Ava V, Eva S, Kennedy R, Ailish S, Sophie L.B, Brigitte M, Hannah C, Katherine K, Tara R, Karen J, Bethany F, Isabella T

Futsal

Coach: Mr. Gummeson

Tara R, Sophia A, Bethany F, Ailish S, Hannah C,, Katherine K, Karen J, Leanne G, Caroline C



SS Soccer

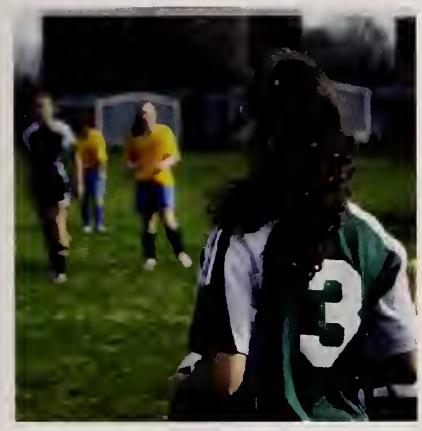
Coaches: Mr. Sambles, & Mrs. Walsh

Alycia McIntosh, Zein Zaghloul, Gabby Yankowich, Lucy Whichelo, Tessa van Haastrecht, Fumi Shibutani, Dania Rida, Allegra Richter, Sikemi Oni, Laura Morrison, Alycia McIntosh, Erin Loundér, Helen Hume, Ava Hambleton, Ciara Halloran, Claudia Finak-Fournier, Emily Bangsboll, Laura Alexander, Sophie Ackert

6-8 Tennis

Coach: Mrs. Mulcahy

Maya Ladki, Alex King, Isabella Thomas, Charlotte Noxon, Aya Yoshizawa, Kyra Ling-Jay, Elizabeth Coulter, Ava Mierins, Leen Zaghoul, Bronte Assadzadeh, Brigitte McElligott



SS Tennis

Coaches: Mrs. Enticknap & Mr. Hodgins.

Cynthia Taing, Alex Pipe, Katherine Alvarenga, Alexa Colbert, Megan Sweeney, Yilin Wang, Brooke Mierens, Margaret Pateman, Meera Singla, Ingrid Peng, Zoe Auclair, Vera Malek, Sarah Jackson, Madeleine Klebanoff Obrien, Danielle Humilde

Athletics

7/8 Ultimate Frisbee

Coach: Mr. Robertson

Leen Z, Sarah M, Brigitte M, Ava M, Carine L, Keiren M, Leah S, Stephanie T, Bronte A, Kyra L.J, Zaina K, Saskia G, Ashton Y, Hannah K, Charlotte B, Hannah L-K, Caelyn W, Aya Y, Ava V, Emma B

7/8 Swimming

Coach: Mrs. Kilbertus

Jacqueline L, Katherine K, Jaida W, Charlotte A, Veronica L, Addison H, Sarah M, Shannon H, Zaina K, Spruha S, Bronte A, Kat A, Hannah C, Ava V, Alex K, Isabella T

Flag Rugby

Coach: Mr. Martin

Addison H, Zaina K, Ailish S, Stephanie T, Emma B, Bronte A, Leanne G, Sarah M, Charlotte N, Kat A. Hope R

5/6 Badminton

Coaches: Mrs. Tweedie & Mrs. Holmes

Andrea D, Rutaaba F, Claire G, Hannah G, Mackenzie J, Maya L, Mila M, Michika M, Natalia M, Maizie S, Logan V, Caitlin W

7/8 Badminton

Coaches: Mr. Mulcahy & Valerie M.

Ava M, Sophie L.B, Hannah K, Ava V, Zaina K, Kennedy R, Emma B, Kat A, Addison H, Hope R, Hannah C Evelyn M, Lisa X, Kyra L.J, Aya Y Saskia G

SS Badminton

Coach: Mrs. Rossiter

Valerie Molnar, Sasha Thomas, Jing Qiu, Yilin Wang, Yizhou Peng, Cecille Wu, Fumi Shibutani

Athletics

8 Rowing

Ava V, Leane G, Sarah M, Charlatte B, Ina A, Hannah C, Jacqueline L, Bronte A, Hope R, Ava M, Lyanna A.R, Emma Y, Saphia A, Carine L

Coach: Mrs Biesenthal

Rowing

Coach: Mrs. Biesenthal

Sophie Ackert, Saphia Caragianis, Laura Marrison, Sarah Marrisan, Justine Beaule, Olivia Casarramana, Emma Trudel, Sheetza McGarry, Sian Bryson, Emily Bangsbal, Louisa James-Beswick, Natasha Jansen Paulin, Katya Jansen Paulin, Danielle Humilde, Mariam Dakdauki

Rugby

Coaches: Mrs. Derbyshire, Mr. Whitehause, Mrs. Glazier

Valerie Sedlesky, Valerie Malnar, Saphia Smith, Sarah Jacksan, Safa Siddiqui, Paige Tremblay, Olivia Cassaramona, Lily Newberry, Katherine Snelling, Joa Hoshizaki, Jenna Maledina, Eryn Lundrigan, Erica Guistiniani, Erica Coady, Emily HArtvich, Cynthia Sedlesky, Celina Gilligan, Brynley Hansan-Wright, Britney Smith, Alexa Shabinski, Alex Watsan, Aiyanna Marris

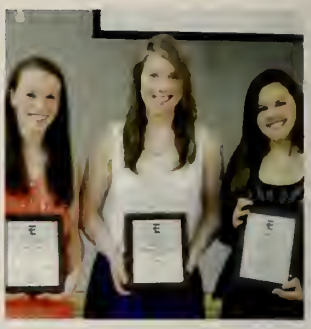
Students Say

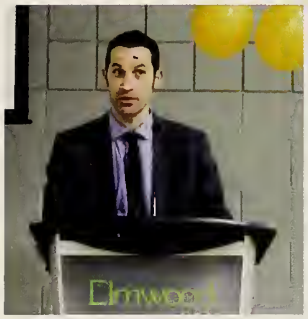
How has your experience on a team changed you?

I've become a more dedicated and focused athlete, as well as a more disciplined student
-Sophia C. Rowing

Rugby is the ultimate family. I have discovered my aggressive side and found the ultimate satisfaction in taking girls down and running straight through them. There is also a need to rely on every other girl on the field which makes it such an amazing team to be a part of.
-Brynley H-W. Rugby

Athletics Banquet





2014 Major Award Recipients:

Dunlop Intermediate Sportsmanship Cup -Emily Bangsboll

Neale Intermediate Sportsmanship Cup -Laura Morrison

Physical Education Award -Paige Tremblay

Maynard Sportsmanship Cup -Lauren Rapp

Elite Athlete Award -Ashley Moore

OFSAA Colin Hood Student Award -Brynley Hanson-Wright

OFSAA Colin Hood Coach Award -Mr. Ivan Sambles

Wilson Sports Cup for Athletic Excellence -Erica Coady & Joa Hoshizaki

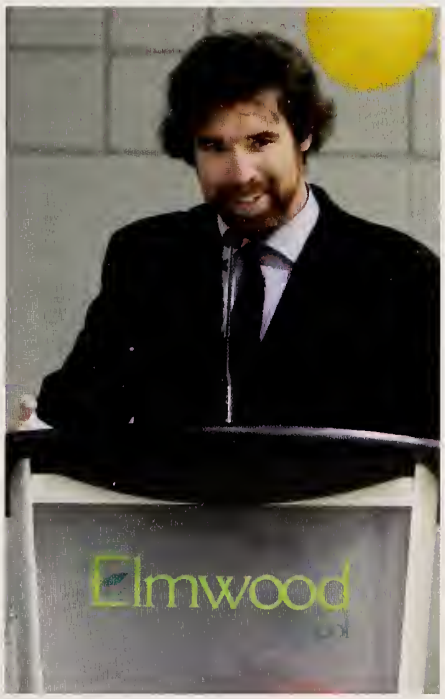
Great Yoi Honour Athletic Award -Joa Hoshizaki, Erica Coady & Brynley Hanson-Wright

Valerie Molnar came 2nd in the East division tournament for badminton, qualifying her for the East regionals where she came 4th. This earned her a spot to play in the city championships.

Paige Tremblay not only placed third overall at OFSAA, but helped put ELmwood in first place, bringing home a gold at the OFSAA provincial snowboarding championships

Looking forward to the 2014 FIFA world cup in Brazil!

This was a great year for athletics at Elmwood. Sports Captain Brynley Hanson-Wright did an amazing this year increasing participation with events like arm-wrestling and cup-stacking.

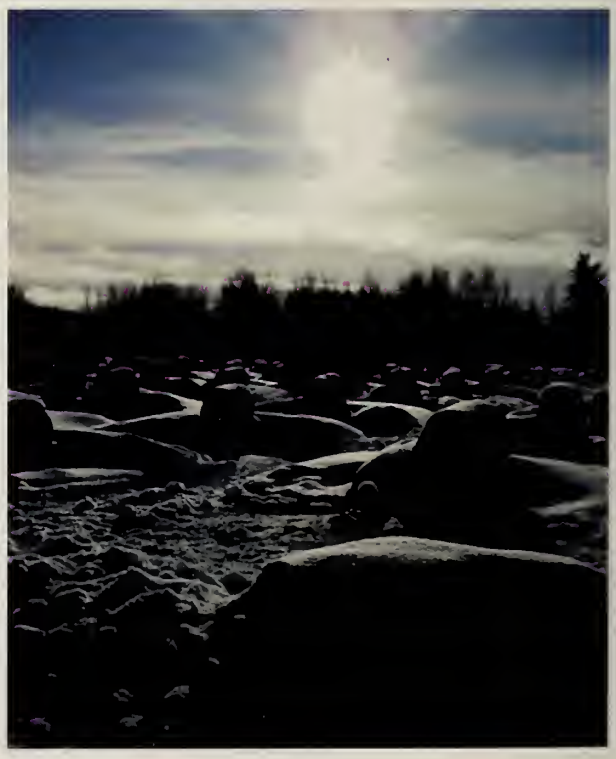


At Athletics Banquet guest speaker and world renown sprint canoer Ian Mortimer spoke about teamwork and determination.

DOE

Bronze

Silver



Gold

Faculty & Staff

Headmistress' Note

Deputy Headmaster, Middle/ Senior School, James Whitehouse

Deputy Headmistress, Junior School, Christine Blackadar

We recently lost one of the most influential thinkers of our time, Maya Angelou. Though her passing is sad, she leaves behind a legacy built on many insightful words. One of her most famous quotations is: "Open your eyes to the beauty around you. Open your mind to the wonders of life. Open your heart to those who love you, and always be true to yourself." These words are great advice to all of us, and I also believe they describe the way in which Elmwood students live life. Your enthusiasm for the world around you, for learning and for friendship is the reason Elmwood is such a special place.

I love receiving my Samara each year. It is my opportunity to look back on all we have achieved together, and a chance to celebrate the unique contributions of each and every one of our Elmwood students. Some of you excelled in math or reading or technology. Others found their spotlight on the stage as actresses, musicians and performers, or showed grit as athletes on the field or the court. Many of you showed compassion and empathy toward your classmates and other members of our community. And some of you truly embodied the IB learner profile, doing your part to help create a better and more peaceful world. All these successes make up the tapestry of life at Elmwood and you should be very proud of all your hard work this year.

And what a year it was! From those first days in September -our Welcome Back Festival and Camp Elmwood- to the final days of June with our Spirit Afternoon and Closing Ceremonies, our community has come together time after time to collaborate, communicate and celebrate. I consider myself lucky to be a part of this outstanding School and community.

Congratulations to the Samara team and especially our editors Valerie Molnar and Zakiya Abdullah and our teacher advisor, Ms. Bartlett, for all of the hard work, creativity and extraordinary effort required to document a year in the life of Elmwood. Capturing the essence of our busy and vibrant school is no easy task, but they have certainly succeeded in preserving the moments of our year, creating this book full of memories for us all to share. - Cheryl Boughton

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SCHOOL

Closing Ceremonies: Junior School

Grade 4:
Overall Academic Excellence Award:
4H:: Avery Parkinson
4K: Madighan Ryan
International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Award:
4H: Celia Batchelor
4K: Lauren Jane Hudson

Grade 5
Core French: Sophie Glover
Extended French: Sarah Allam
Language Arts: Lauren Ho
Mathematics: Grace Brunner
Physical and Health Education: Caitlin Walsh
Overall Academic Excellence Award:
5H: Tara Hanson-Wright
5W: Mila Mierens
International Baccalaureate Profile Award:
5H: Grace Charness
5W: Clair Goldberg
Parent's Association Committee Award: Sofia Zate

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Scholarship:
Grace Brunner
Grace Charness
Clair Goldberg
Lauren Ho
Mila Mierens
Caitlin Walsh

Emerald E Awards:

Sarah Allam
Lilly Allen
Didi Bredberg
Grace Brunner
Grace Charness
Madi Chwast
Victoria Devine-Ducharme
Sophie Glover
Claire Goldberg
Tara Hanson-Wright
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Lauren Ho
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Mila Mierens
Catherine Mitchell-Ross
Michika Montaldo
Claire Murray
Lilli-Angélique Potter Dhieux
Lola Sembrat
Maizie Solomon
Natasha Souaid
Kailey Walker
Caitlin Walsh
Sofia Zate

Closing Ceremonies: Middle School

Grade 6:
Art: Mackenzie Johnson
Drama: Alisha Abdul Rahman
English: Caitlin Baxter
Core French: Mackenzie Johnson
Extended French: Caitlin Baxter
Health and Physical Education: Andrea Douglas
Humanities: Isabel Smith
Humanité: Isabella Bruinsma
Math: Alisha Abdul Rahman
Music: Maya Ladki
Science: Andrea Douglas
Design Technology: Isabel Smith
Overall Academic Excellence Award:
Alisha Abdul Rahman
International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Award:
Mackenzie Johnson

Grade 7:
Art: Leah Smith
Drama: Camille Beaulé
English: Camille Beaulé
Core French: Emma Boushey
Extended French: Charlotte Amannt
Health and Physical Education: Ashton Yau
Humanities: Ashton Yau
Humanité: Karen Jarvlepp
Math: Bethany Fitch
Music: Veronika Lassl
Spanish: Dalia Sawaya
Design Technology: Grace Goldberg
Overall Academic Excellence Award: Bethany Fitch
International Baccalaureate Profile Award: Tara Rida

Grade 8:
Communication Technology: Emma Young
Comprehensive Arts: Bronte Assadzadeh
Nancy Chance Prize for English: Bronte Assadzadeh
Core French: Lyanna Abdul Rahman
Extended French: Shannon HowarthHealth and Physical
Education: Katharina Auster
Humanities: Leen Zaghloul
Humanité: Ava Mierins
Latin: Emma Young
Mandarin: Kyra Ling-Jay
Math: Ava Vandenbelt
Science: Ava Mierins
Overall Academic Excellence Award: Ava Mierins
I.B. Learner Profile Award: Leen Zaghloul
Southam Cup: Bronte Assadzadeh
Parents Association Award: Caroline Capehart
Senior School Scholarship:s
Bronte Assadzadeh
Hannah Charness
Eva Sabine
Ava Vandenbelt
Emma Young

Silver E:
Bronte Assadzadeh
Hannah Charness
Leane Gaussorgues
Katherine Keough
Carine Ladki
Ava Mierens
Ava Vandenbelt

Closing Ceremonies: Senior School

Grade 9:
Dramatic Arts: Sophia Swettenham
English: Madeleine Klebanoff O'Brien
Core French: Alexa Shabinsky
Extended French: Myriam Rostom
Geography: Paula Werdnik
Healthy Active Living: Cynthia Sedlezky
Latin: Sophia Swettenham
Mathematics: Yizhou Peng
Music: Sijyl Fasih
Science: Emily Bangsboll
Spanish: Myriam Rostom
Visual Art: Emily Bangsboll
Grace E Knowlton Prize for Progress: Emma-Rose Robinson
Fiona Nicolson Creativity Prize: Madeleine Klebanoff O'Brien
Overall Academic Excellence Award: Sophia Swettenham
International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Award: Emily Bangsboll

Grade 10:
Career Studies: Dania Rido
Civics: Laura Morrison
Dramatic Arts: Hannah Dolhai
English: Fumi Shibutani
Core French: Sreenija Koya
Extended French: Dania Rida
Healthy Active Living: Aiyanna Morris
History: Megan Sweeney
Latin: Fumi Shibutani
Mathematics: Yilin Wang
Music: Megan Sweeney
Science: Yilin Wang
Visual Art: Meera Singla
Overall Academic Excellence Award: Fumi Shibutani
International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Award: Brooke Mierins

Summa Summarum Scholarship:
Sreenija Koya
Brooke Mierins
Laura Morrison
Fumi Shibutani

Grade 11:
Biology: Zakiya Abdullah
Chemistry: Zakiya Abdullah
Dramatic Arts: Claire Avisar
Economics: Ras-Jeevan Obhi
English: Ras-Jeevan Obhi
Environmental Science: Mariam Dakdouki
Film Studies: Cally McConnell
Core French: Maria Aho-Merlo
Extended French: Justine Beaulé
Healthy Active Living: Paige Tremblay
History: Claire Avisar
Math-Functions: Christine Ding
Math-Advanced Functions: Upkeerut Saran
Music: Sasha Thomas
Physics: Upkeerut Saran
Spanish: Monica Alicea
Theory of Knowledge: Valerie Molnar
Visual Art: Emily Stephens
Heather Hoy Award: Ras-Jeevan Obhi
Elmwood Theater Award for Performance and Production: Louisa James-Beswick
Judy and Margot Toller Memorial Award: Erin Dzioba
Mabel Dunlop Memorial Award: Upkeerut Saran
Overall Academic Excellence Award: Zakiya Abdullah
Upkeerut Saran

International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Award:
Ras-Jeevan Obhi
Parents Association Award: Ras-Jeevan Obhi
Samara Editor's Award:
Zakiya Abdullah
Valerie Molnar

Grade 12:
Biology: Alexandra Pipe
Chemistry: Elaine Zhang
Communication Technology: Alexandra Houlton Nasrallah
Dramatic Arts: Katherine Snelling
Economics: Aashna Uppol
English: Brynley Hanson-Wright
Exercise Science: Joa Hoshizaki
Core French: Mariam Dakdouki
Extended French: Kelley Gu
Whitwill History Award: Erica Coady
Math-Calculus and Vectors: Aashna Uppal
Math-Data Management: Joa Hoshizaki
Music: Mckenzie Gowie
Physics: Brynley Hanson-Wright
Spanish: Katherine Alvarenga
Carolyn Strauss Poetry Award: Kelley Gu
Linda McGregor Technology Award: Kelley Gu
Philpot Science Prize: Brynley Hanson-Wright
Overall Academic Excellence Award:
Brynley Hanson-Wright
International Baccalaureate Learner Profile Award:
Aashna Uppal
University of Toronto National Book Award:
Alexandra Pipe
Governor General Academic Medal:
Brynley Hanson-Wright
International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates:
Alexa Colbert
Justine Frame
Mckenzie Gowie
Kelley Gu
Sarah Morrison
Alexandra Pipe
Sonia Siddiqui
Mackenzie Walker
Vivian Wang
Elaine Zhang
Lieutenant Governor Community Volunteer Award:
Joa Hoshizaki
Sandra Sharp Sug Award: Alycia McIntosh
Elmwood Award for Character: Aashna Uppal
Margaret White Award: Erica Coady
House Cup: Fry House
Philpot Token: Valerie Sedlezky
Summa Summarum: Aashna Uppal
Golden E Recipients:
Olivia Casarramona
Erica Coady
Kelley Gu
Brynley Hanson-Wright
Joa Hoshizaki
Merrin Lalonde
Katherine Snelling
Aashna Uppal
Duke of Edinburgh Programme Gold Award:
Olivia Casarramona
Erica Coady
Celina Gilligan
Brynley Hanson-Wright
Joa Hoshizaki
Natascha Jansen Poulin
Merrin Lalonde
Valerie Sedlezky
Jordan Smith
Prefect Awards:
Arts Prefect: Sonia Siddiqui
Community Prefect: Celina Gilligan
Student Ambassador Prefect: Merrin Lalonde
Junior School Prefect: Joa Hoshizaki
Middle School Prefect: Katherine Alvarenga
Sports Captain: Brynley Hanson-Wright
Head of Fry: Natascha Jansen Poulin
Head of Keller: Kelley Gu
Head of Nightingale: Lauren Rapp
Head of Wilson: Olivia Casarramona

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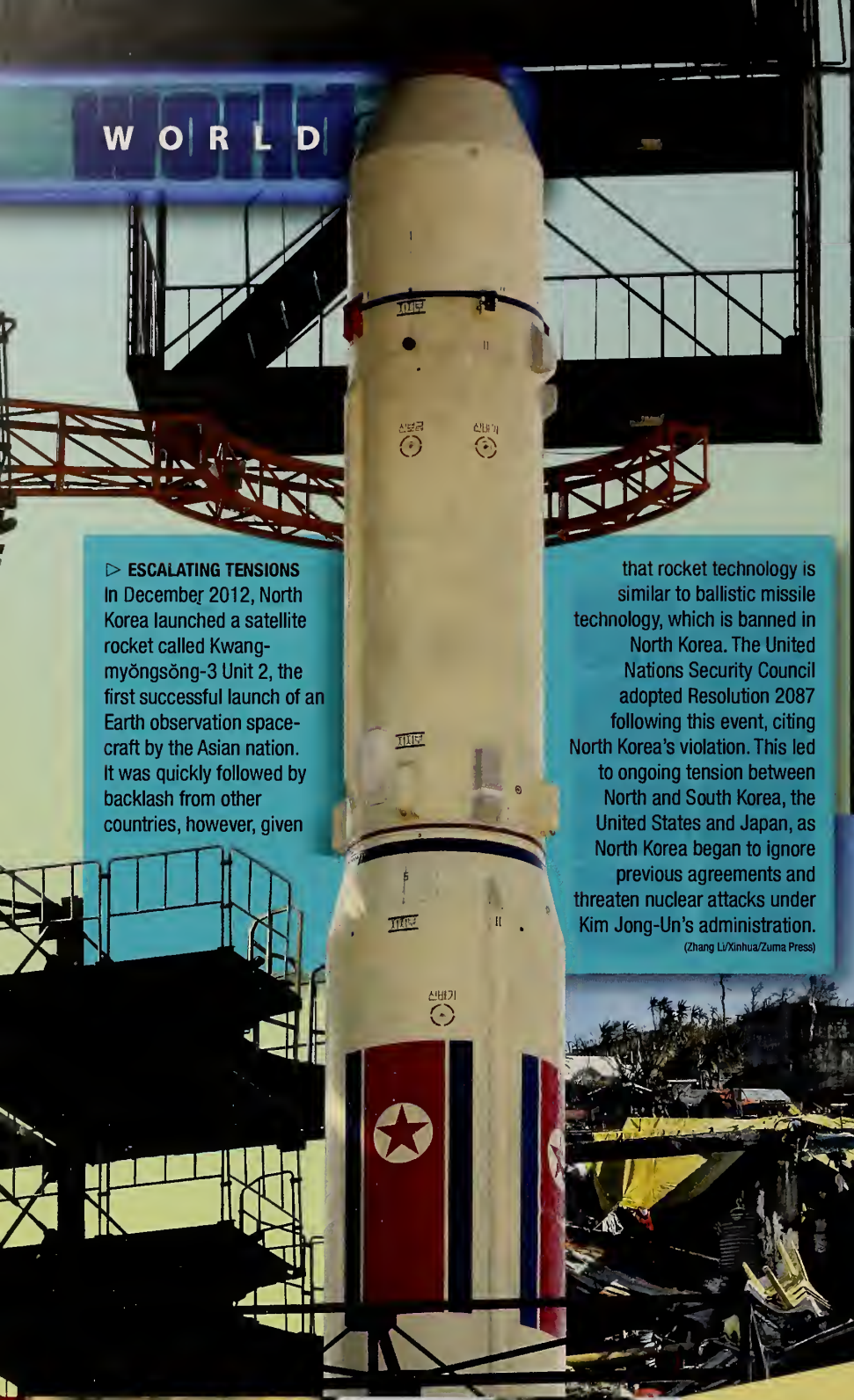
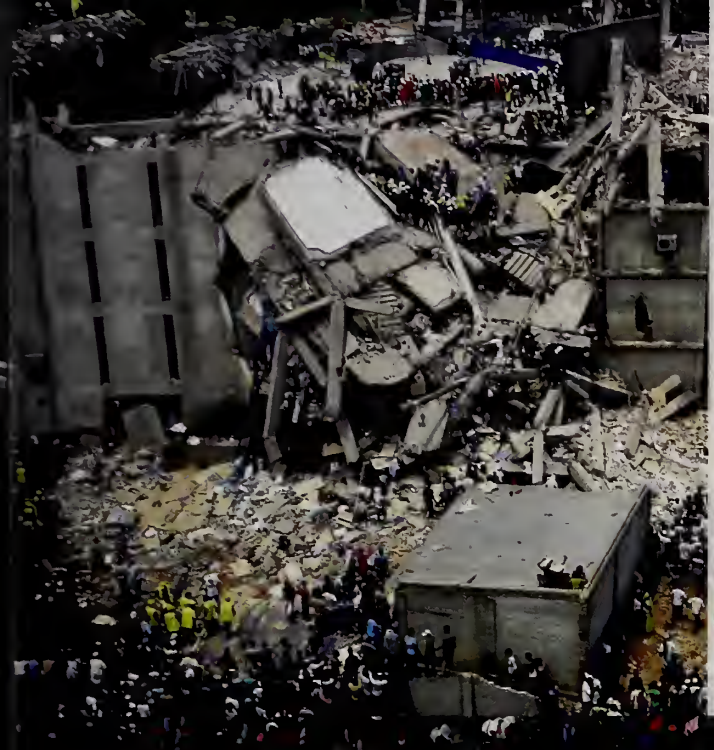


▷ **ESCALATING TENSIONS** In December 2012, North Korea launched a satellite rocket called Kwangmyŏngsŏng-3 Unit 2, the first successful launch of an Earth observation spacecraft by the Asian nation. It was quickly followed by backlash from other countries, however, given that rocket technology is similar to ballistic missile technology, which is banned in North Korea. The United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2087 following this event, citing North Korea's violation. This led to ongoing tension between North and South Korea, the United States and Japan, as North Korea began to ignore previous agreements and threaten nuclear attacks under Kim Jong-Un's administration. (Zhang Li/Xinhua/Zuma Press)

△ **PROGRESSIVE PRESIDENT** After allegations of voting irregularities and inauthentic results in previous elections, Iran changed their supervisory practices for the June 2013 election: A committee of eleven professionals were instituted to oversee the event for the first time in the country's history. Hassan Rouhani from the Moderation and Development Party, considered the most liberal candidate in the running, won in a landslide victory, capturing just over 50 percent of the vote. More than 36 million Iranians cast their ballots, a whopping 72.7 percent voter turnout.

△ **TYPHOON TERROR** For parts of Southeast Asia, November 2013 is a month that will live in infamy: Typhoon Haiyan, or Typhoon Yolanda as it was dubbed in the Philippines, was a cyclone that terrorized Micronesia, the Philippines, Southern China and Vietnam, claiming more than 6,200 lives; bodies were still being recovered as of January 2014. The damage is estimated at $1.6 billion, and more than 16 million people have been affected. Homelessness and subsequent lootings, as well as the threat of disease from poor living conditions, remain rampant. (George Calvelo/NurPhoto/REX (3377229b))

◁ **EGYPTIAN COUP D'ETAT** After four days of protests calling for the resignation of President Mohammed Morsi, Egyptian army chief General Abdel Fattah el-Sisi stepped in on July 3, 2013, to take action: He removed Morsi from power and suspended the constitution. An interim president, Chief Justice of the Supreme Constitutional Court of Egypt Adly Mansour, was instated. Global reception of the events has been mixed; some nations supported the military action while others strongly opposed the forceful removal (and subsequent house arrest) of Morsi. Protests both for and against the events are ongoing. (Keith Lane/MCT)



◁ **MASS CATASTROPHE** At 8:45 a.m. local time on April 24, 2013, an eight-story factory building in Savar, Bangladesh, collapsed, killing 1,129 people and injuring more than 2,500. The rescue efforts ended on May 13, after nearly three weeks of searching for survivors. The factory housed manufacturing for many North American retailers including Benetton, The Children's Place, Joe Fresh, Mango and Walmart. The companies have received criticism in the months since the accident – which is considered the worst garment-factory disaster ever – in terms of how working conditions and safety issues are monitored. (Rijans)

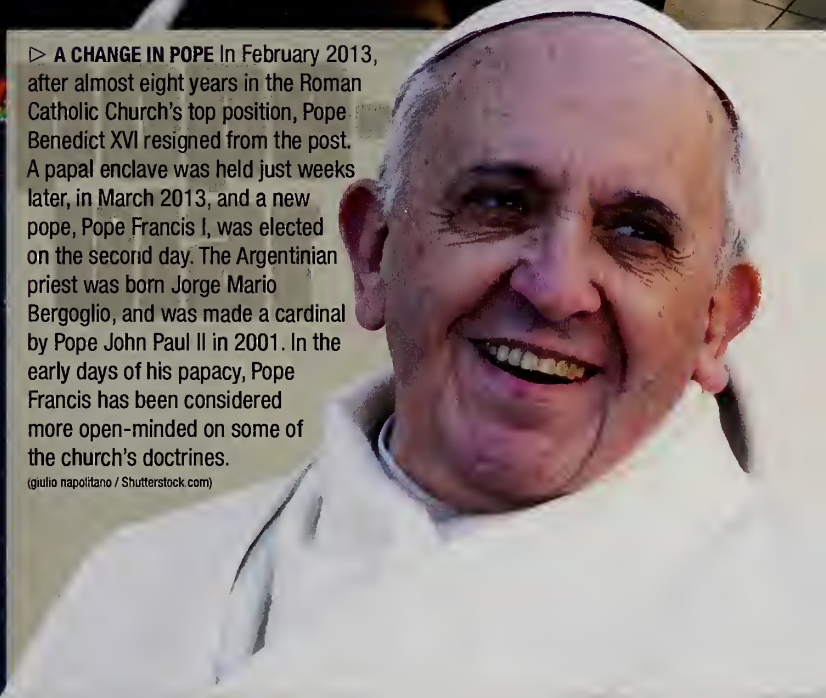
△ **A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION** In September 2013, United States Secretary of State John Kerry made the suggestion that Syria dispense of all chemical weapons within a week. This was in response to chemical attacks in Ghouta, Syria, the previous month, to which the US and France were on the verge of executing air attacks on Syria in response. The suggestion from Kerry was surprisingly well received by Syrian and Russian governments, and Russia took a lead position in overseeing the elimination of Syria's chemical warfare. All of Syria's stockpiles should be eliminated by mid-2014. (AP Photo via AP video)

▽ **DEATH OF AN ICON** Nelson Mandela, the celebrated South African anti-apartheid revolutionary and former president of the nation, passed away on December 5, 2013, after a prolonged respiratory infection at the age of 95. Mandela, who was South Africa's first elected president in a fully democratic election, took on the country's biggest challenges: ingrained racism following the apartheid, poverty and inequality, leaving a legacy of peace and democracy the world over. Mandela's body lay in state for two days so citizens could pay their respects, and a state funeral, attended by top-ranking international representatives, was held on December 15. (AP Photo/Ben Curtis)

▽ **WORST NIGHTMARE** On September 21, 2013, up to sixteen unidentified gunmen took control of the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi, Kenya. The attack lasted four days and at least 72 people were killed, including 61 civilians, six soldiers and five of the perpetrators. More than 175 people were injured. Islamist extremist group al-Shabaab took responsibility for the attack, citing Kenya's military presence in Somalia as the motive. A number of foreigners were counted among the victims. (AP Photo/Jonathan Kalan)

◁ **WELCOME TO A FUTURE KING** Following months of Kate Middleton baby-bump-fashion spreads inevery glossy magazine and on every entertainment show, the new heir to the throne made his entrance into the world, weighing 8 lbs, 6 oz, on July 22, 2013 at St. Mary's Hospital, London. The young Prince of Cambridge, who is officially named George Alexander Louis Windsor, was christened later in the year, on October 23, 2013, at the Royal Chapel at St. James's Palace (and the babe has seven godparents!). (John Stillwell/PA Wire/Abaca Press/MCT)

▷ **A CHANGE IN POPE** In February 2013, after almost eight years in the Roman Catholic Church's top position, Pope Benedict XVI resigned from the post. A papal enclave was held just weeks later, in March 2013, and a new pope, Pope Francis I, was elected on the second day. The Argentinian priest was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, and was made a cardinal by Pope John Paul II in 2001. In the early days of his papacy, Pope Francis has been considered more open-minded on some of the church's doctrines. (giulio napolitano / Shutterstock.com)

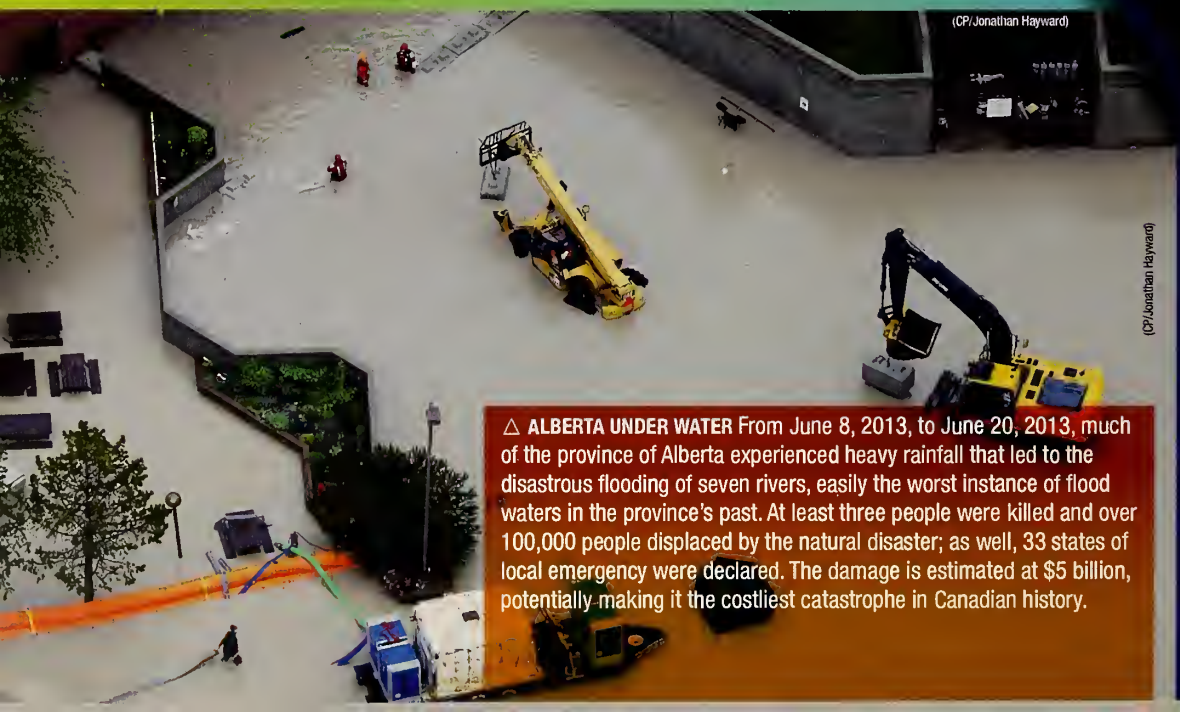


Rob Ford
Mayor

△ **MAYOR DRAMA** Polarizing Toronto mayor Rob Ford had a terrible year in 2013: From May to December, his constituents were time and again disappointed by his behaviour, which included everything from addictions issues and consorting with known criminals to sexual comments about his own wife. (The accusations started when two Toronto Star reporters were leaked a video showing Ford smoking crack cocaine, and the floodgates opened from there.) Global news outlets had a field day with the reported incidents, including jokes at Ford's expense on The Colbert Report, Saturday Night Live and The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. (Deborah Baic/The Globe and Mail)

NASA/Rex Features (2334783c)

◁ **IGNORANCE OR INCLINATION** In September, as college and university students were gearing up for another year of classes, University of Toronto professor David Gilmour was raked over the coals for comments he made to *Hazlitt* magazine about his syllabus preferences. The 64-year-old writer said he wouldn't teach women or Chinese writers, prompting backlash from students, colleagues and the literary world at large. Gilmour says the only female writer he feels passionately about is Virginia Woolf, because he considers her a genius. (Sandrine Expilly)



(CP/Jonathan Hayward)

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△ **ALBERTA UNDER WATER** From June 8, 2013, to June 20, 2013, much of the province of Alberta experienced heavy rainfall that led to the disastrous flooding of seven rivers, easily the worst instance of flood waters in the province's past. At least three people were killed and over 100,000 people displaced by the natural disaster; as well, 33 states of local emergency were declared. The damage is estimated at $5 billion, potentially making it the costliest catastrophe in Canadian history.

△ **UNAPPROVED CLAIMS** In late 2012, the Senate began to investigate expense claims made by a number of Senators, including Pamela Wallin, Mike Duffy, Mac Harb and Patrick Brazeau. The high-ranking officials were audited for ineligible claims, including excessive travel and housing costs, resulting in exorbitant tallies on the government's tab. Duffy, Wallin and Harb paid their debt to the Senate, and Harb eventually retired, but Duffy, Wallin and Brazeau were still suspended without pay and without most of their benefits in November 2013, after two weeks of deliberation. (CP/Jeff McIntosh)

◁ **HADFIELD GROUNDED** Astronaut Chris Hadfield, the first Canadian to walk in space, retired from the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) in July 2013 when he handed over command of the International Space Station (ISS). He is considered a member of the social media elite, with over 1 million Twitter followers and a popular Tumblr blog (Hadfield's son Evan manages his social media platforms). Musically inclined, Hadfield recorded a number of songs while on the ISS, including a video rendition of David Bowie's "Space Oddity," which now has over 21 million views on YouTube.

(CP/Paul Chiasson)

△ **TRAGEDY IN QUEBEC** In the wee hours of July 6, 2013, an unmanned freight train carrying a large shipment of crude oil derailed in the small town of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, causing a major fire and a series of explosions that engulfed a one-kilometre radius; the heat from the devastating event was felt as far as two kilometres away. Forty-seven people were confirmed dead, and more than half of Lac-Mégantic's downtown core was destroyed. The derailment was the deadliest Canadian train disaster since 1864.

△ **A BLONDE ANNE SHIRLEY?!** The fictional Canadian icon Anne of Green Gables is beloved for her red locks, her freckled cheeks, her quick wit and her spunky demeanour. She's recognizable internationally, and people from every corner of the world come in droves every year to visit her Prince Edward Island house. So imagine everyone's surprise when an edition of the first three books in the series, self-published on the Amazon CreateSpace platform, depicted a sexy blonde Anne instead of the well-known redhead. The edition was withdrawn as public anger heightened. (Amazon)

◁ **DIFFERENCE OF OPINION** In September 2013, the Parti Québécois officially proposed the Quebec Charter of Values to opposition from many of its contemporaries. The Charter, which would amend the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, enforce neutrality for all state officials, limit the wearing of religious symbols for public sector employees, and make it mandatory for citizens to have their faces uncovered when either providing or receiving a state service has been a source of discontent for many, but not all, Québécois. Protests have taken place both for and against the charter, and a documentary about the issue, entitled *Québec 60*, which was released in January 2014, has garnered more than 21,000 views to date. (CP/Graham Hughes)

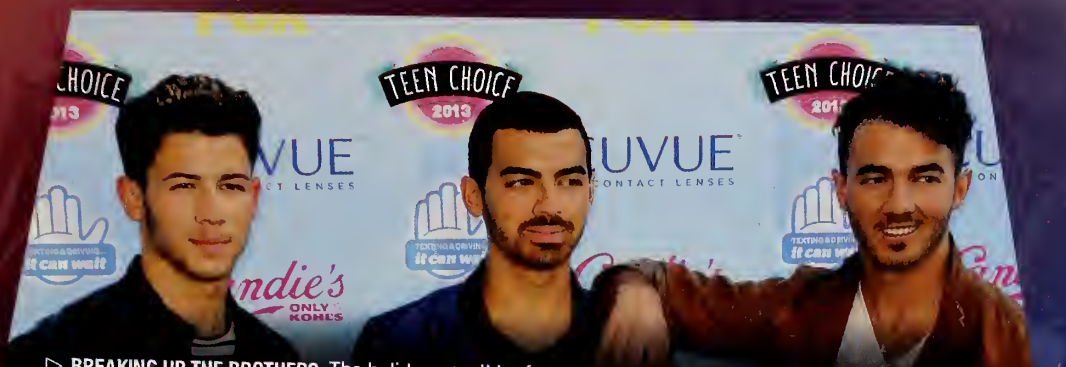
▷ **THE VOICE OF OUR TIME** When singer Rihanna was awarded the first-ever Icon Award at the American Music Awards – a prize "created to honor an artist whose body of work has made a profound influence over pop music on a global level" – a very special presenter bestowed the trophy: Rihanna's mother, Monica Braithwaite. A montage of career highlights and a video message from Jay Z followed the accolade, and the emcee of the evening, Bill Maher, called the 26-year-old "the voice of our time." (Jaguar PS/Shutterstock)

▷ **SWIFT AND MIGHTY** Country superstar Taylor Swift probably needs a new trophy case for her haul from the Billboard Music Awards in May 2013. Her most recent album, "Red," with a stunning 4 million in sales, earned the 24-year-old Top Artist, Top Female Artist and Top Billboard 200 Artist at the ceremony in Las Vegas. Swift also performed the live TV debut of her song "22" on the telecast. (© PA Photos Limited [2001] all rights reserved)

▷ **NO CONTEST** When Carrie Underwood won the fourth season of *American Idol* in 2005, no one could have predicted the singer's rise to the top of the country music world. But just eight years later, the "Blown Away" artist took home Video of the Year at the American Country Awards to become one of the most decorated country artists of all time, joining the hallowed company of stars like Loretta Lynn, Reba McEntire and Dolly Parton. (© Rex Features [2005] all rights reserved)

△ **BOY BAND REUNION** In recognition of receiving the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award, Justin Timberlake briefly revisited his roots with a performance alongside his 'N Sync bandmates. The massive Timberlake career retrospective saw Joey Fatone, Lance Bass, Chris Kirkpatrick and JC Chasez arising from the floor of the stage to perform "Girlfriend" and "Bye Bye Bye" (but of course). Fangirls the world over PVR'd the event so they could watch the loves of their teenage years again and again. (© PictureGroup [2008] all rights reserved)

▽ **TOP OF HIS GAME** Justin Timberlake shows no signs of slowing down in his uber successful music and acting career: The 33-year-old (ridiculous, right?) shot two films in 2013 and released his third album in March 2013, called "The 20/20 Experience," as the first installment of a two-part project. The album debuted at number one in the United States, selling almost a million copies, cinching the best debut week of Timberlake's career. The "20/20 Experience" was the best-selling album of the year in the US to boot. (Antonio Scorza / Shutterstock.com)



▷ **BREAKING UP THE BROTHERS** The holidays can't be fun around the Jonas household following the split of the popular Jonas Brothers band. Nick, Joe and Kevin formed their pop group in 2005, after Nick Jonas's solo start, releasing four albums to overwhelming popularity during the course of their eight-year tenure together. The band sold more than 17 million copies worldwide. In early October 2013, the band cancelled their impending comeback tour and deactivated their band and personal Twitter pages; no one was surprised weeks later to hear about the official dissolution of The Jonas Brothers. (Jaguar PS/Shutterstock)

▽ **CANADIAN DARLING** From her beginnings as a fresh-faced francophone singer in Quebec to her triumph as one of the most successful artists of all time, Céline Dion is still holding steady in the limelight. The 45-year-old mother of three released her 11th English language album, "Love Me Back to Life," in September 2013, her first English album since 2007. The record, which included a duet with Stevie Wonder, sold more than 1.3 million copies worldwide in the first three months and was the number one Canadian album of 2013. (Jstone/Shutterstock)

△ **HI-HO SILVER?** Leave it to Lady Gaga to enter an awards ceremony in spectacular fashion. The 27-year-old artist arrived at the American Music Awards in November 2013 atop a large, white, human-operated horse (as evidenced by the horse's eight legs). Lady Gaga, who was born Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta and raised in New York City, is known for her avant-garde costume and theatrical choices, including a dress she wore in 2010 that was made entirely of meat.

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▷ **A BRAND NEW WORD**
Oxford Dictionaries, the quintessential voice on all things English language, declared "selfie" the 2013 Word of the Year. Defined as "a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically taken with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website," the term "selfie" first appeared on an Australian blog in 2002, but with the help of a specialized research program, Oxford tracked an upswing in usage throughout 2013. "Selfie" has yet to be added to the Oxford Dictionary proper but can be found on OxfordDictionaries.com.
(William Casey/Shutterstock)

Candy Crush SAGA

(King.com)

△ **CRUSHED** Who would have thought that a game featuring jellybeans and lollipops would be so popular? The whole world is sweet on Candy Crush, the matching-based game. It's the most popular app on Facebook with 61 million likes, has an estimated 7.8 million daily active users and generates more than $750,000 in revenue daily in the US section of the iOS App Store.

(Apple/MCT)

△▽ **COLOUR ME HAPPY** September isn't just about back to school anymore, and an apple isn't just for the teacher. Following the pattern of previous years, Apple announced two new iPhones on September 10 – the 5s and the 5c. The 5s comes complete with fingerprint recognition technology and a higher-quality camera with slow-motion recording capabilities, while the 5c is similar to the iPhone 5 but is encased in polycarbonate instead of metal. The 5c comes in blue, green, pink, yellow and white (with the availability of contrasting cases, of course).

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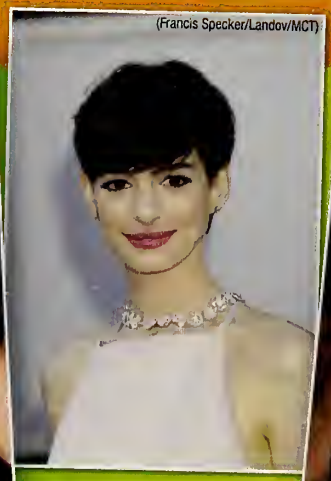

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△ **SHORT AND SWEET** Bad news for the Kardashian sisters with their long tresses – the pixie cut is on the rise. Hollywood A-listers like Jennifer Lawrence and Charlize Theron went short this year, with adorable cuts that highlight their striking facial features. Anne Hathaway's current cropped do is growing out from her role as Fantine in *Les Misérables* – the scene when she shaved her head was voted the most influential onscreen haircut of all time in a poll by the Hairdressing Council of Great Britain and Universal Studios.

(Apple/MCT)

Top iPhone Apps 2013

Candy Crush Saga
Snapchat
YouTube
4 Pics 1 Word
Google Maps
Temple Run 2

Vine
Facebook
Instagram
BBM
Despicable Me: Minion Rush

Google™ GREATEST HITS 2013

Nelson Mandela
Paul Walker
iPhone 5S
Cory Monteith
Harlem Shake
Boston Marathon
Royal Baby
Samsung Galaxy S4
PlayStation 4
North Korea

△ **UP IN SMOKE** For some people, smoking is as much as having something to do with their hands as it is about the nicotine. That's why electronic cigarettes, or personal vaporizers, appeal to people who are on the quitting track; the device is filled with a solution, without nicotine (though solutions with nicotine are available), which is vaporized for inhalation. The World Health Organization stated in July 2013 that the use of e-cigs, as they are known, for smoking cessation has not been scientifically demonstrated.
(Diedra Laird/Charlotte Observer/MCT)

▽▷ **THROWBACK RUNWAY** They say everything old is new again, and the 2013 fashion trends proved it. From '60s mod – miniskirts, baby-doll dresses and Peter Pan collars – to '80s oversized coats (think Melanie Griffith in *Working Girl*) and eye-popping '90s neon, the fashion world was a veritable walk down memory lane.
(◄ Katie Little/Shutterstock)
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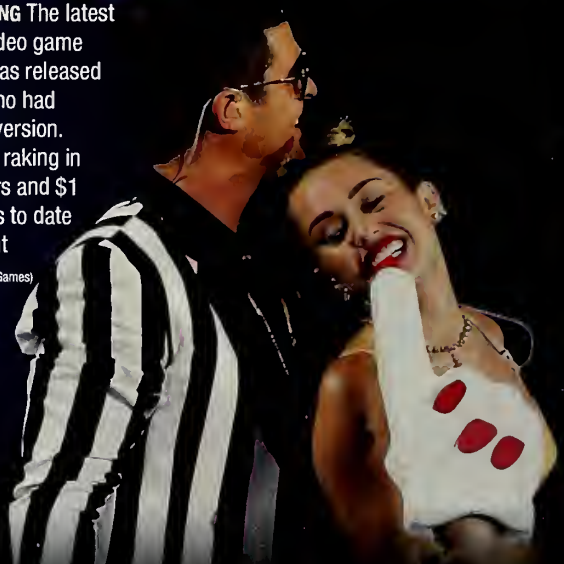
△ **VIRAL SHAKE** The Harlem Shake, a term coined in 1981, believe it or not, had a strange ascent into popularity: After its original introduction as a dance move by a Harlem resident called Al B, it was featured in a music video by rapper G. Dep in 2001. In 2012, a song called simply "Harlem Shake" was uploaded to YouTube, but it wasn't until February 2013 that the video went viral and turned into an Internet meme where people (many, many people!) do their own version of a routine to the song.

◁ **NAILED IT** It's not about polish anymore. It's about what you can add on top of the polish to make yourself stand out. Tumblr and Pinterest were jam-packed with ideas for making your manicure pop in 2013, from beads and baubles to 3-D press-on nails produced by a digital printer. Those that preferred to keep the art in museums opted for half-moon manis instead – the half-moons are painted a different colour than the rest of the nail.
(Subbotina Anna/Shutterstock)

△ **A TRAGIC END** Actor Paul Walker, best known as a teenage heartthrob in the early millennium and later for his starring roles in the Fast & Furious franchise, passed away suddenly in a catastrophic automobile accident on November 30, 2013. Walker and a close friend, Roger Rodas, left a charity event in Valencia, Santa Clarita, California, around 3:30pm PST and were killed a short while later; speed was determined to be a likely factor. Filming of the seventh film in the Fast & Furious series was halted until later in 2014, and Walker's brother was asked to stand in to complete the film. The 40-year-old actor leaves behind a 15-year-old daughter, named Meadow. (©Universal Pictures/Courtesy Everett Collection)

◁ **ZERO TO RECORD-BREAKING** The latest installment of the popular video game franchise Grand Theft Auto was released in September 2013 to fans who had waited five years for the new version. The game broke retail records, raking in $800 million in the first 24 hours and $1 billion in the first three days. It is to date the fastest selling entertainment product of all time. (Courtesy Rockstar Games)

BABYWATCH 2013 No celebrity spawn was more anticipated than that of hip hop artist Kanye West and reality TV star Kim Kardashian. West announced the pregnancy at a concert in Atlantic City in December 2012, and the couple welcomed their daughter, named North (Nes, North West), in June 2013. (© Rex Features [2005] all rights reserved)



△ **TWERKING IT** Miley Cyrus is no longer the family-friendly fave of her Disney beginnings. The former *Hannah Montana* starlet underwent a noticeable image change in 2013, swapping her sweet façade for a highly 'suggestive' performing style. Cyrus was especially chastised for her Video Music Awards performance with Robin Thicke in August 2013: The 21-year-old singer got up close and personal with married father Thicke with her twerking routine.

△ **RAISING AWARENESS** Hollywood super-celebrity Angelina Jolie made headlines (again) in May when she revealed that she had undergone a prophylactic double mastectomy after testing positive for the BRCA1 genetic mutation. Jolie wrote an op-ed in *The New York Times* to share the news with the world, in hopes of raising awareness for genetic testing and early intervention. Jolie lost her mother, Marcheline Bertrand, to ovarian cancer when Bertrand was just 56. (Featureflash/Shutterstock)

▽ **FALLEN STARS** Both the big and small screens felt the loss of a number of industry faves in 2013: James Avery, known for playing Uncle Phil in *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air;* James Gandolfini of *The Sopranos* fame; and Peter O'Toole, who made his debut as a star in *Lawrence of Arabia*, all passed away within the year. Adored film critic Roger Ebert also lost his 11-year battle with cancer in April.

◁ **DECORATED WORDSMITH** Writer Alice Munro, known as "the master of the contemporary short story," was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in December 2013. The 82-year-old literary veteran, whose writing debuted in 1968, is the first Canadian woman to receive the accolade. (CP/Chad Hipolito)

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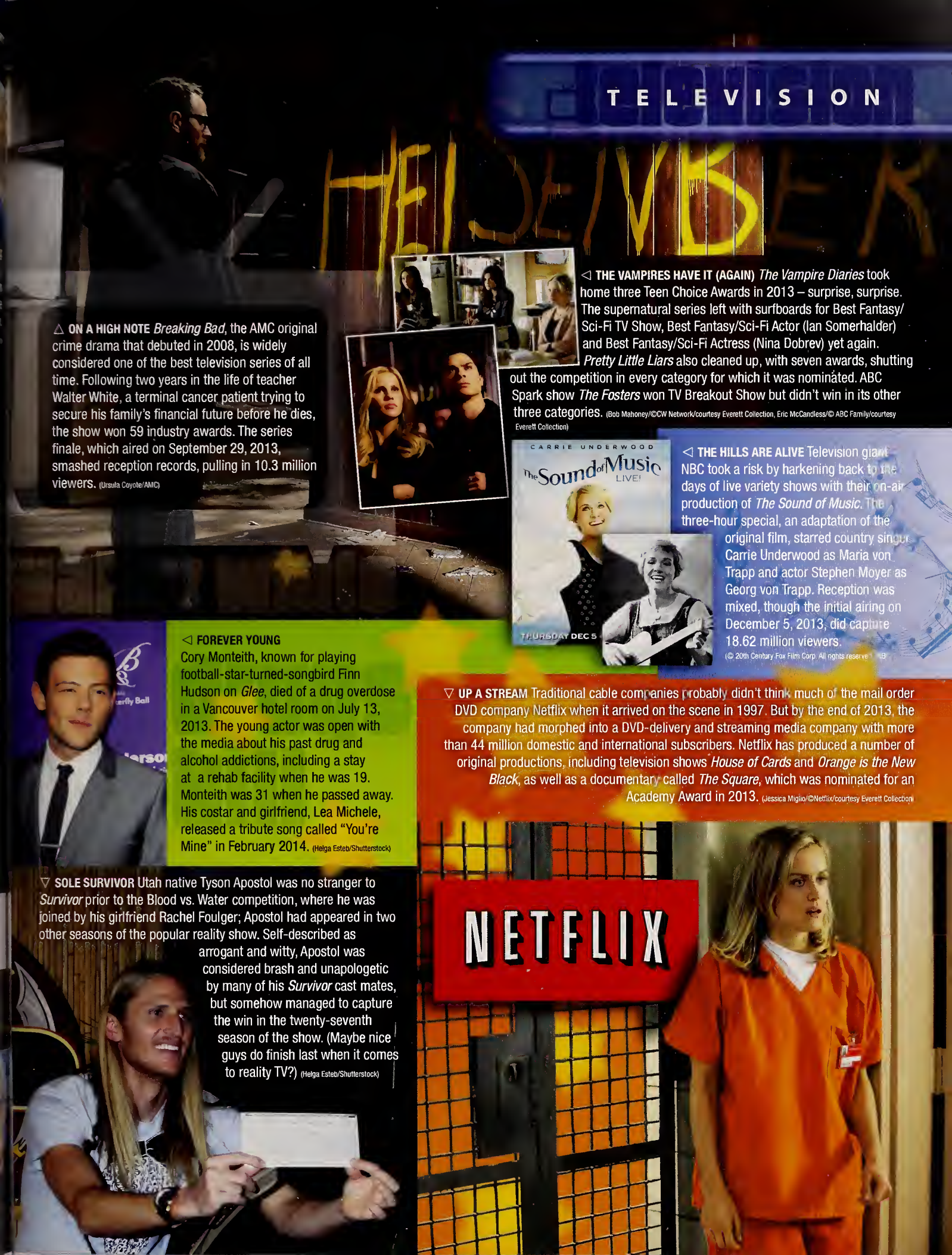

△ **ON A HIGH NOTE** *Breaking Bad*, the AMC original crime drama that debuted in 2008, is widely considered one of the best television series of all time. Following two years in the life of teacher Walter White, a terminal cancer patient trying to secure his family's financial future before he dies, the show won 59 industry awards. The series finale, which aired on September 29, 2013, smashed reception records, pulling in 10.3 million viewers. (Ursula Coyote/AMC)

◁ **THE VAMPIRES HAVE IT (AGAIN)** *The Vampire Diaries* took home three Teen Choice Awards in 2013 – surprise, surprise. The supernatural series left with surfboards for Best Fantasy/Sci-Fi TV Show, Best Fantasy/Sci-Fi Actor (Ian Somerhalder) and Best Fantasy/Sci-Fi Actress (Nina Dobrev) yet again. *Pretty Little Liars* also cleaned up, with seven awards, shutting out the competition in every category for which it was nominated. ABC Spark show *The Fosters* won TV Breakout Show but didn't win in its other three categories. (Bob Mahoney/©CW Network/courtesy Everett Collection, Eric McCandless/© ABC Family/courtesy Everett Collection)

◁ **THE HILLS ARE ALIVE** Television giant NBC took a risk by harkening back to the days of live variety shows with their on-air production of *The Sound of Music*. The three-hour special, an adaptation of the original film, starred country singer Carrie Underwood as Maria von Trapp and actor Stephen Moyer as Georg von Trapp. Reception was mixed, though the initial airing on December 5, 2013, did capture 18.62 million viewers. (© 20th Century Fox Film Corp. All rights reserved.)

◁ **FOREVER YOUNG** Cory Monteith, known for playing football-star-turned-songbird Finn Hudson on *Glee*, died of a drug overdose in a Vancouver hotel room on July 13, 2013. The young actor was open with the media about his past drug and alcohol addictions, including a stay at a rehab facility when he was 19. Monteith was 31 when he passed away. His costar and girlfriend, Lea Michele, released a tribute song called "You're Mine" in February 2014. (Helga Esteb/Shutterstock)

▽ **UP A STREAM** Traditional cable companies probably didn't think much of the mail order DVD company Netflix when it arrived on the scene in 1997. But by the end of 2013, the company had morphed into a DVD-delivery and streaming media company with more than 44 million domestic and international subscribers. Netflix has produced a number of original productions, including television shows *House of Cards* and *Orange is the New Black*, as well as a documentary called *The Square*, which was nominated for an Academy Award in 2013. (Jessica Miglio/©Netflix/courtesy Everett Collection)

▽ **SOLE SURVIVOR** Utah native Tyson Apostol was no stranger to *Survivor* prior to the Blood vs. Water competition, where he was joined by his girlfriend Rachel Foulger; Apostol had appeared in two other seasons of the popular reality show. Self-described as arrogant and witty, Apostol was considered brash and unapologetic by many of his *Survivor* cast mates, but somehow managed to capture the win in the twenty-seventh season of the show. (Maybe nice guys do finish last when it comes to reality TV?) (Helga Esteb/Shutterstock)

MOVIES

△ **AN UP AND DOWN YEAR** Heartthrob Ryan Gosling was busy in 2013, with three films released in theatres. Gosling appeared in mob flick *Gangster Squad*, crime drama *The Place Beyond the Pines*, and the polarizing *Only God Forgives*, which all garnered mixed reviews from critics. Gosling was especially panned for the violence in the last film, despite the fact that it was nominated for the Palme d'Or at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival.

(Jstone/Shutterstock)

Jackie Robinson
1st Base

△ **COMMEMORATING A LEGEND** When Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball's colour barrier in 1947, the racism and anger he faced was unimaginable. From the negative reactions of teammates to the abuse of baseball fans, the Brooklyn Dodger first baseman was forced to question his personal safety and the safety of his family. The movie *42* chronicles Robinson's first season with the Dodgers with a thought-provoking, touching approach. The film earned $27 million in its opening weekend, the best debut of a baseball movie in Hollywood history.

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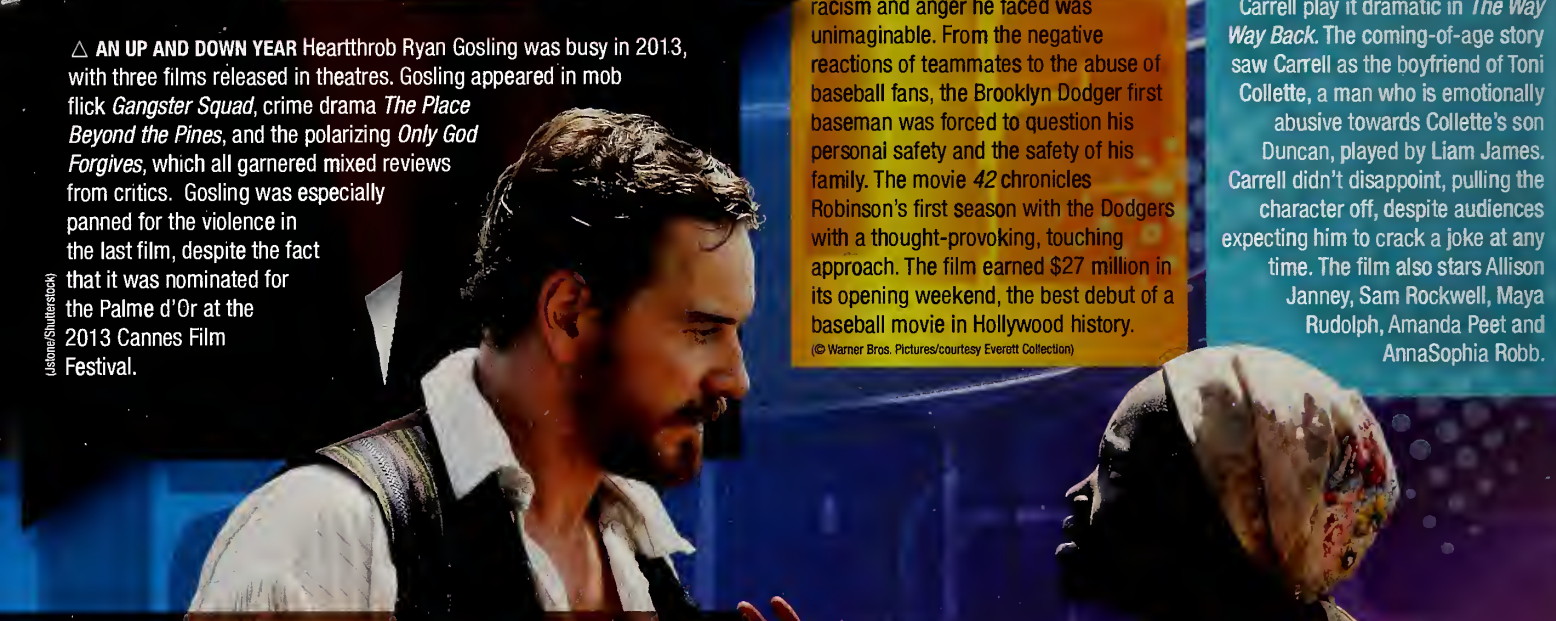
△ **STRAIGHT FACE** Audiences were skeptical as they filed into the theatre to see funnyman Steve Carrell play it dramatic in *The Way Way Back*. The coming-of-age story saw Carrell as the boyfriend of Toni Collette, a man who is emotionally abusive towards Collette's son Duncan, played by Liam James. Carrell didn't disappoint, pulling the character off, despite audiences expecting him to crack a joke at any time. The film also stars Allison Janney, Sam Rockwell, Maya Rudolph, Amanda Peet and AnnaSophia Robb.



△ **HEARTWRENCHING DRAMA** Director Steve McQueen has been working toward this year of his career for decades: The celebrated director of *Hunger* and *Shame* captured audiences with his 2013 historical drama, *12 Years a Slave*. The feature film, an adaptation of an 1853 memoir by an African-American man named Solomon Northup who was kidnapped and sold into slavery, took home a bundle of awards, including Oscars for Best Picture, Best Supporting Actress and Best Adapted Screenplay. (MCT)

ACADEMY AWARDS: MAJOR CATEGORIES

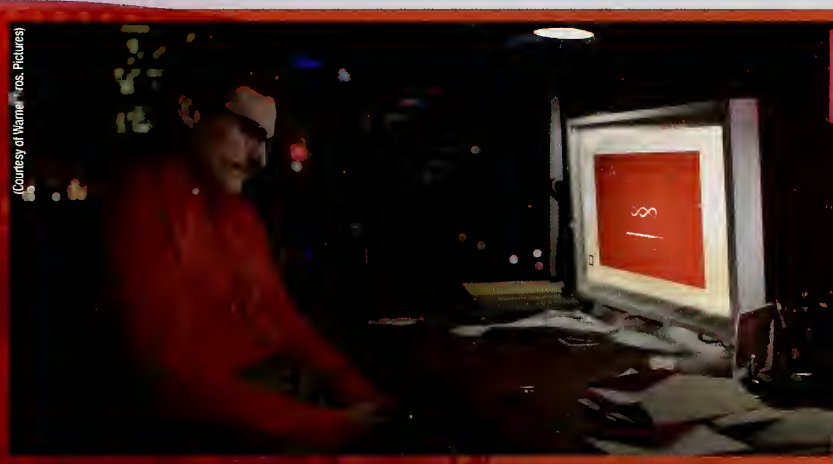
Best Actor – Matthew McConaughey, *Dallas Buyers Club*
Best Actress – Cate Blanchett, *Blue Jasmine*
Best Supporting Actor – Jared Leto, *Dallas Buyers Club*
Best Supporting Actress – Lupita Nyong'o, *12 Years a Slave*
Best Picture – *12 Years a Slave*
Best Director – Alfonso Cuarón, *Gravity*
Best Original Score – *Gravity*

_ SAD NEWS FOR SOPRANOS FANS Actor James Gandolfini, best known for playing crime boss Tony Soprano in HBO's critically acclaimed show *The Sopranos*, passed away in June just weeks before the release of his film *Enough Said*. Gandolfini's son found him unconscious in his Rome hotel room on June 19; he was pronounced dead in hospital hours later. The cause of death was determined to be a heart attack. The borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey, renamed Park Avenue "James Gandolfini Way" in December 2013. (Courtesy Fox Searchlight/MCT)

(Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures)

△ SMAUG ON TOP From the first showings of the film at midnight the night before the official opening date, it was clear that *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, the second installment in the Hobbit series, was going to be a hit. Earning more than $73 million in North America and more than $135 million internationally on its opening weekend, the movie stayed atop the box office for three consecutive weeks. The third installment of the series comes out in 2014. (Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures)

△ **ALL STAR ENSEMBLE** Despite its glittering cast, including Hollywood greats Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts, *August: Osage County* failed to live up to its highly decorated roots. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Tracy Letts, reception of the dark drama was mixed and scored only 6.4/10 on the popular review site Rotten Tomatoes. The film was expected to gather its share of awards, but, despite Academy Award, BAFTA and Golden Globe nominations, the cast and crew went home empty-handed at the major award ceremonies.



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△ **A PRETTY VOICE** There's no disputing that Scarlett Johansson is a beauty who lights up the screen, but she wowed audiences with just her voice in the science fiction romantic drama *Her*. The film, with a star-studded cast including Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams and Rooney Mara, premiered at the New York Film Festival in December 2013 and the nominations started rolling in from there. Director-producer Spike Jonze took home the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay in March 2014.

▷ **A NEW CLASSIC** In the vein of Disney musicals gone by, *Frozen* was released in November 2013 to rave reviews. The 53rd animated movie in Disney's arsenal of animated masterpieces has an all-star voice cast – including Idina Menzel as Princess Elsa and Kristen Bell as Elsa's younger sister, Anna – and a musical score that gives goosebumps. The movie took home Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song ("Let It Go") at the Academy Awards in March 2014.

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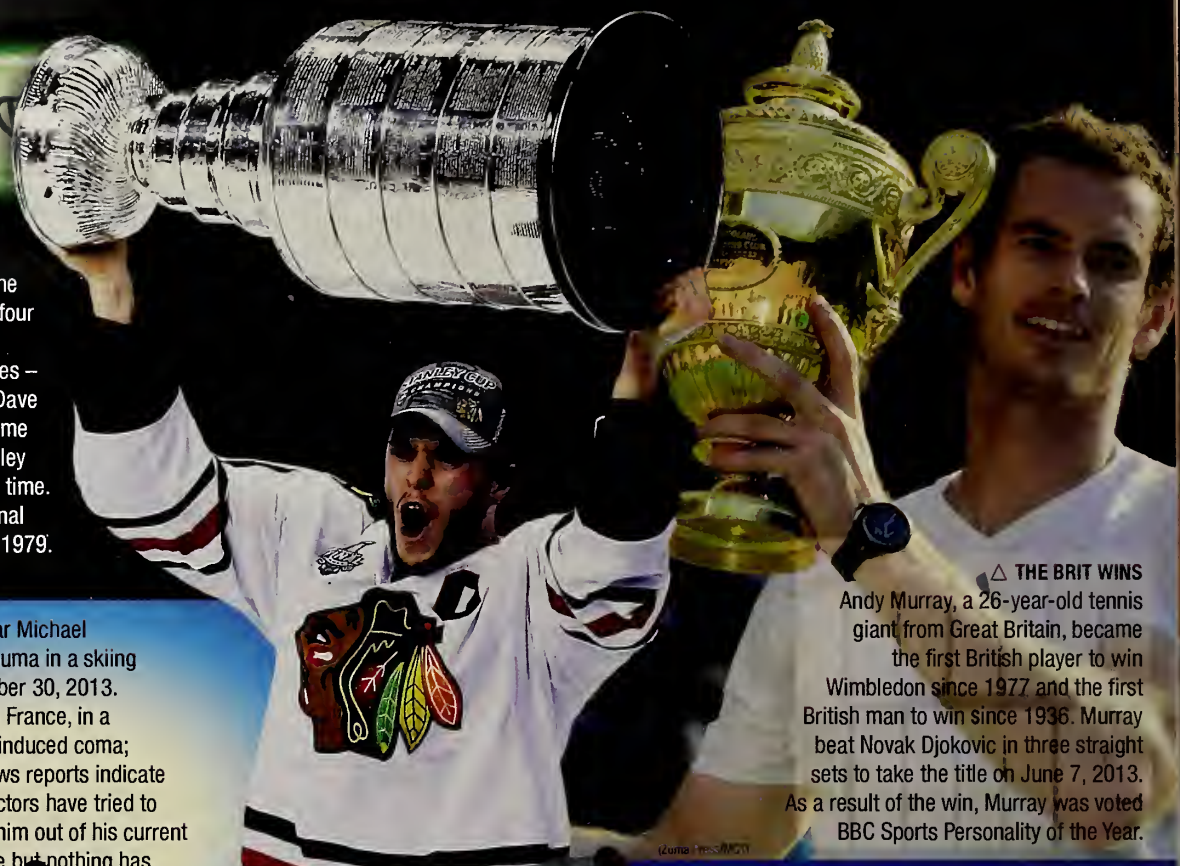

▷ **STANLEY GOES TO CHICAGO**
The Chicago Blackhawks took home the NHL's top prize for the second time in four years in June 2013. The Blackhawks defeated the Boston Bruins in six games – with the Cup-winning goal scored by Dave Bolland with just 58 seconds left in game six, breaking the record for latest Stanley Cup game winner scored in regulation time. The series was the first Stanley Cup final between two Original Six teams since 1979.
(Nuccio DiNuzzo/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

△ **THE BRIT WINS**
Andy Murray, a 26-year-old tennis giant from Great Britain, became the first British player to win Wimbledon since 1977 and the first British man to win since 1936. Murray beat Novak Djokovic in three straight sets to take the title on June 7, 2013. As a result of the win, Murray was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year.
(Zuma Press/MCT)

HOLDING OUT HOPE Formula One star Michael Schumacher sustained major head trauma in a skiing accident in the French Alps on December 30, 2013. The 45-year-old remains in hospital in France, in a medically-induced coma; some news reports indicate that doctors have tried to ease him out of his current state but nothing has been confirmed by Schumacher's family or staff. Schumacher was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.
(AP Photo/Luca Bruno, File)

SPORTS WINS

Super Bowl: Seattle Seahawks 43-8 over Denver Broncos
World Series: Boston Red Sox 4-2 series over St. Louis Cardinals
NBA Finals: Miami Heat 4-3 series over San Antonio Spurs
Stanley Cup: Chicago Blackhawks 4-2 over Boston Bruins

▽ **BASEBALL CRACKDOWN** Popular New York Yankee slugger Alex Rodriguez is no stranger to the issue of performance enhancing drugs. The 38-year-old third baseman admitted to using steroids during a 2009 interview, after denying previous allegations. It all came bubbling up again in August 2013, when Rodriguez was accused of receiving injections of human growth hormone from the now-defunct Biogenesis of America clinic. He was suspended for 162 games, which is the entire 2014 season. Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun was also implicated and suspended for 65 games in the 2013 season.
(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

▷ **IT HAPPENS IN THREES** Cristiano Ronaldo (pictured right, red uniform), the celebrated Portuguese soccer player who rakes in the largest paycheck of any other footballer in the world, scored a hat-trick for Portugal in World Cup 2014 qualifying play in November 2013. Ronaldo's one-man contribution to the 3-2 win over Sweden secured his team a spot at the international tournament to take place in Brazil in from June 12 to July 13, 2014. It was the 24th hat trick of the 29-year-old's career.
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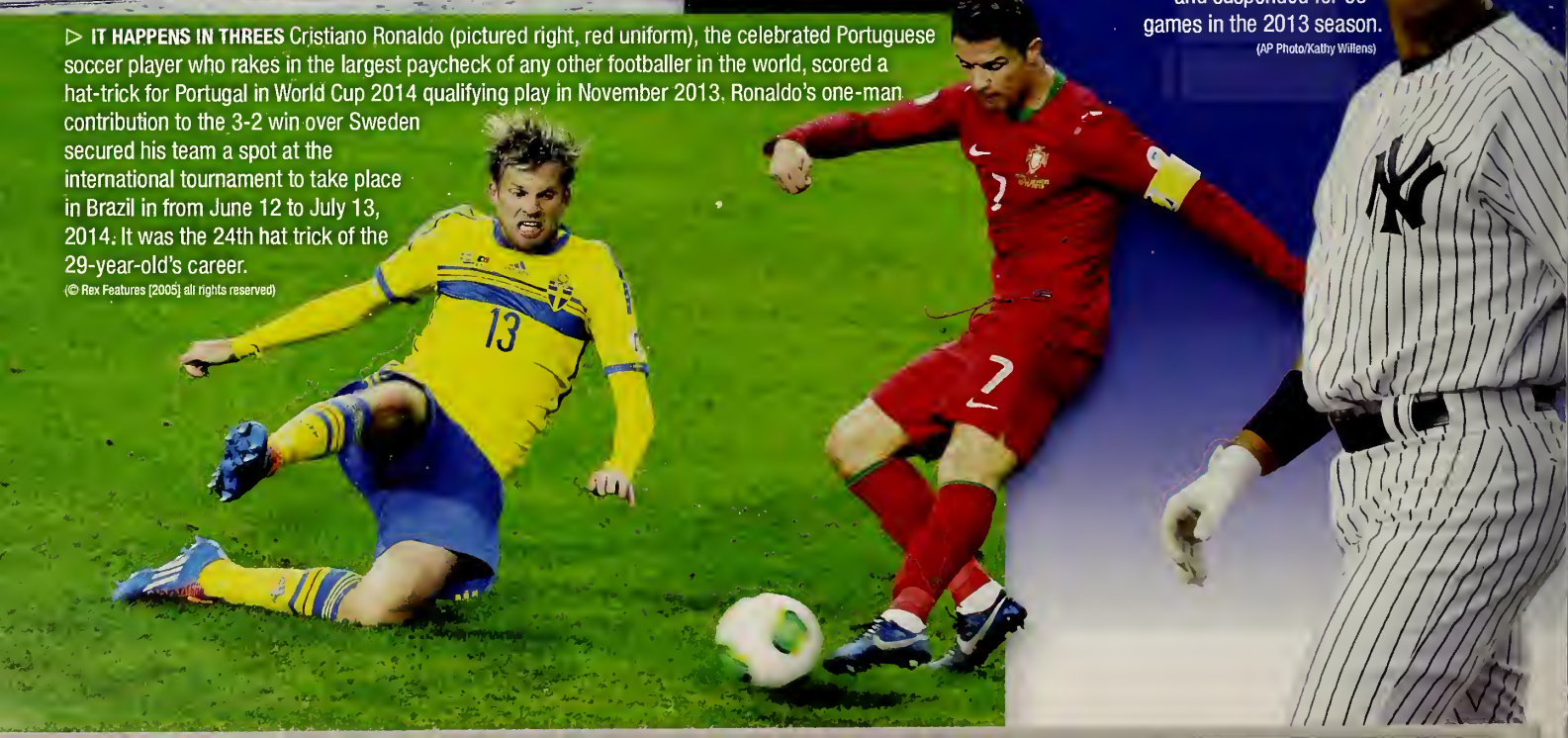
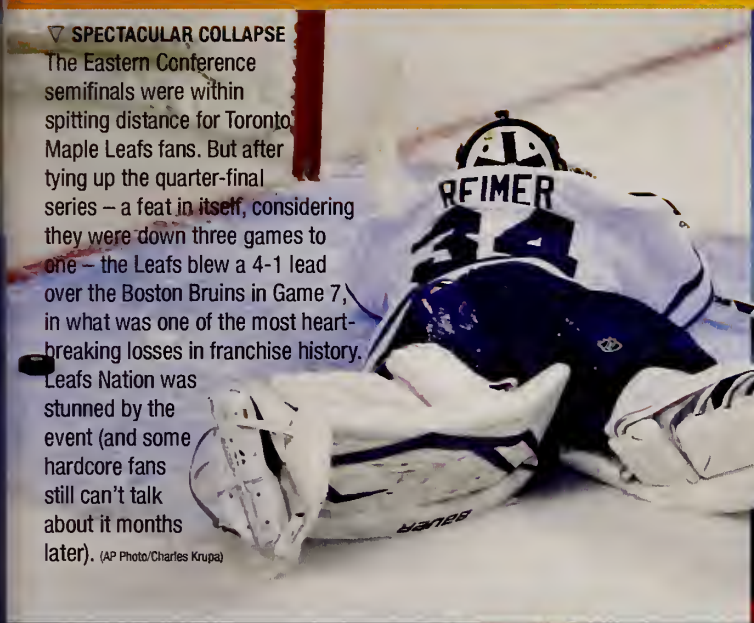
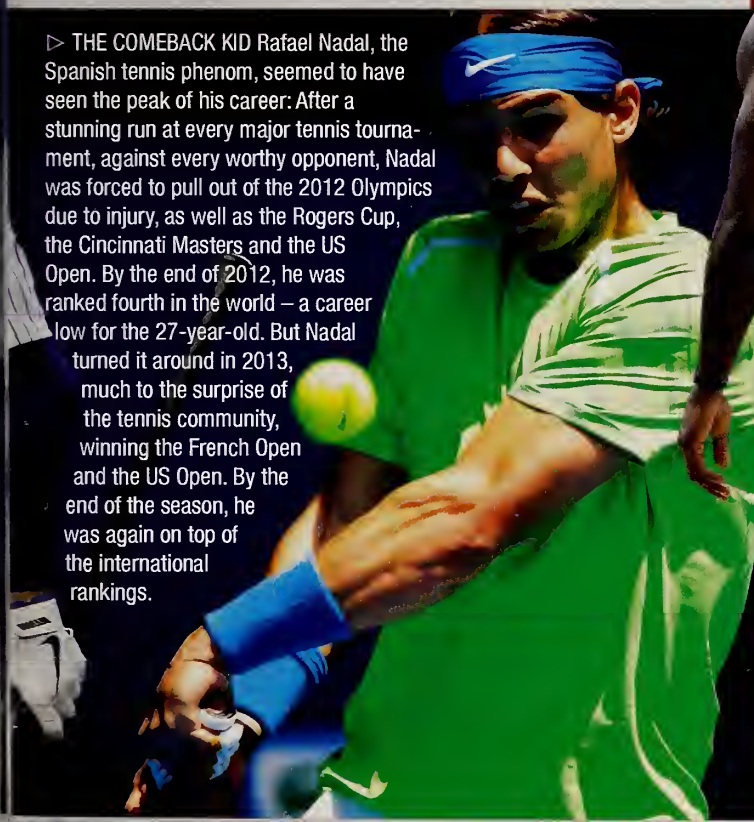


◁ **UNPRECEDENTED DEAL** In a massive business deal between Rogers Communications Inc. and the National Hockey League, the telecommunications titan now holds the exclusive rights to more than 500 regular-season NHL games in the 2014-2015 season. The games will be broadcast across 13 networks, with viewers having a choice of as many as seven matchups to choose from on a Saturday night. (Good news for nostalgia diehards, though; Saturday night will still be called Hockey Night in Canada.) (CP/Chris Young)



▽ **SPECTACULAR COLLAPSE** The Eastern Conference semifinals were within spitting distance for Toronto Maple Leafs fans. But after tying up the quarter-final series – a feat in itself, considering they were down three games to one – the Leafs blew a 4-1 lead over the Boston Bruins in Game 7, in what was one of the most heartbreaking losses in franchise history. Leafs Nation was stunned by the event (and some hardcore fans still can't talk about it months later). (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

▷ **NO FEAR** Diana Nyad, an American long-distance swimmer, is a fighter: At age 64, and on her fifth attempt, Nyad became the first person to swim from Havana, Cuba, to Key West, Florida, without a shark cage (though she did wear a silicone mask, a full body suit, gloves and booties to protect her from jellyfish). Accompanied by a team of 35 support people, the 110 mi journey took the senior citizen swimmer 53 hours.



▷ THE COMEBACK KID Rafael Nadal, the Spanish tennis phenom, seemed to have seen the peak of his career: After a stunning run at every major tennis tournament, against every worthy opponent, Nadal was forced to pull out of the 2012 Olympics due to injury, as well as the Rogers Cup, the Cincinnati Masters and the US Open. By the end of 2012, he was ranked fourth in the world – a career low for the 27-year-old. But Nadal turned it around in 2013, much to the surprise of the tennis community, winning the French Open and the US Open. By the end of the season, he was again on top of the international rankings.

(Keale Cousland / Shutterstock.com)

◁▷ **HOT, HOT, HOT** From February 3 to March 25, 2013, the Miami Heat was unstoppable. Winning 27 straight games, the second-longest streak of any NBA team in league history, the Heat went on to capture the league championship for the second year in a row. Formed in 1988 as one of four expansion teams, the franchise is now worth an estimated $770 million and remains a force on the court. (David Santiago/El Nuevo Herald/MCT)

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

SCIENCE

▽ **DNA DISCOVERY** And you thought your grandpa was old. Scientists have uncovered the oldest documented human DNA, in Sima de los Huesos, or "pit of bones," in Northern Spain. It's clear that the 400,000-year-old specimen is not a direct descendent of humans today – it's likely a relative of the Neanderthal or the Denisovan species – but the surprising part is that most Denisovan remains were previously found in Siberia, a long, long way from Spain. (Iaroslav Neliubov/Shutterstock)

◁ **CANCER BREAKTHROUGH** It turns out that our own immune systems may be able to help in the fight against cancer. Scientists have long surmised that the best treatment for some cancers lies in the body itself: The treatment requires the engineering of tumor cells to essentially turn on themselves and then reinfusing the modified T cells back into the patient. This groundbreaking therapy received encouragement this year when in a study of 1800 melanoma patients treated with this technique, 22% were alive three years later. It doesn't work for everyone, though, and it's still difficult to treat metastatic cancer, but it's a step in the cure direction. (Andrea Danti/Shutterstock)

◁ **GETTING CLARITY** Scientists at Stanford University in California have combined neuroscience with chemical engineering to achieve a feat on par with superhero powers: They have figured out how to make a postmortem brain transparent for the purpose of studying the organ's structures and wiring. (Previously, the brain had to be sectioned to be studied, which ruins the integrity of the whole.) The process, involving chemical and light treatment, is called CLARITY and could potentially be used on other organs as well. (courtesy of the Deisseroth lab)

▷ **UNHAPPY MILESTONE** In May 2013, greenhouse gas in the environment reached a level not seen for millions of years. The levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere reached 400 parts per million, which should serve as a warning for the world's population in terms of climate change. The rise in CO2 is 75 times faster than in pre-industrial times, which may mean catastrophic consequences for future generations. (Todd Klassy/Shutterstock)

▷ **SPACE ON EARTH** In November 2013, the journal Science published the results from an international scientific collaboration that detected 28 high-energy extraterrestrial neutrinos in Antarctica. Astrophysicists are fascinated by the discovery of the neutrinos, which were likely created by the same force in deep space that creates extremely high radiation called cosmic rays. (courtesy IceCube)

▽ ◁ **SERIOUS HOPE** After more than ten years and a number of failed attempts, researchers at Oregon Health & Science University and the Oregon National Primate Research Center announced in May that they had successfully cloned human embryonic cells. The skin cells were successfully grown into stem cells, which could mean amazing strides for those requiring organ transplants. The discovery also has the potential to help in treatment for myriad other conditions, including diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. (Sebastian Kaulitzki/Shutterstock)

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